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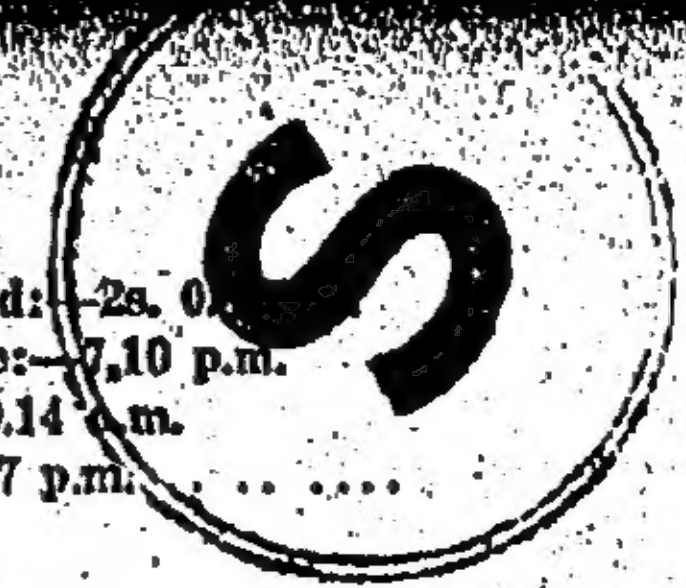
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UPROAR IN MINERS' CONFERENCE.

MR. HERBERT SMITH IN MILITANT MOOD.

FORCIBLY EJECTS GALLERY ORATOR.

EXTREMISTS AWED.

London, July 18.
Stormy scenes involving a scrimmage not entirely devoid of a humorous aspect, marked to-day's proceedings of the annual Conference of the Miners' Federation, now being held at Llandudno.

The hero of the affair was Mr. Herbert Smith, the veteran President, who personally ejected a recalcitrant Communist, and then calmly resumed his seat amid uproar.

The incident arose as the result of a sharp dispute regarding the admission of certain Communists to the Conference.



Herbert Smith.

The delegates assembled yesterday for the opening of the Conference, and after Mr. Herbert Smith had delivered a memorable presidential address, blessing in unqualified terms the peace-in-industry conference between the T.U.C. and employers representative, a sharp dispute arose with regard to the non-admission to the Conference of certain Communist leaders from Lancashire, who had been refused their credentials by the Scottish national organisation.

Communists Demand Entry.

These particular men today again demanded the right of admission, and they were eventually allowed to enter the gallery as spectators.

Suddenly, during the proceedings, one of them, a Mr. Allan jumped up and began to address the meeting.

Mr. Herbert Smith, as chairman, ordered Mr. Allan to leave the building, but Mr. Allan continued to protest.

Mr. Allan Thrown Out.

Considerable disorder ensued, and finally, his patience apparently exhausted, Mr. Herbert Smith marched up to the gallery, followed by Mr. Arthur Horner, a Communist member of the Executive from South Wales, Mr. A. J. Cook, the well-known T.U.C. rebel, and half the Conference.

Mr. Smith did not stand on ceremony, but seized Mr. Allan and hustled him downstairs amid the shrieks of women and the shouts of the male delegates.

Smith Jumps On Horner.

Herbert Smith after ejecting Allan from the building, then sprang down the stairs and landed on top of Mr. Arthur Horner, seized him by the neck and shook him till other delegates intervened.

Mr. Horner returned to the Conference hall, minus his glasses, very white in the face and gasping for breath.

Mr. Smith resumed the chair in the calmest manner as if nothing had happened and the Conference again settled down to business.

Who Cook Support?

Questions were asked regarding Mr. Cook, it being asked whether he went to help Mr. Smith or whether he was on the side of the Lancashire Communists.

A demand was also made that Cook should withdraw his statement that Mr. Small, one of the Scottish accredited delegates did not represent the Scottish miners. Mr. A. J. Cook declined to withdraw, and the Chairman, Mr. Smith, stated that the Conference would deal with the incident privately.—*Reuter.*

The Hero of the Affair.

Herbert Smith, the hero of the incident, is known throughout the United Kingdom as "the miners'

YANGTZE BANDIT OUTRAGE.

MAN KILLED IN FIRING ON GERMAN SHIP.

3 OTHERS WOUNDED.

One man was killed and three wounded when bandits fired on the a.s. Hsiang Chi while the vessel was on the Upper Yangtze river. The Hsiang Chi flies the German flag, but naval wireless messages received in Hongkong conveying the intelligence make no reference to the nationality of the casualties.

H.M.S. Gannet was on the river at the time and, being called to the aid, gave medical assistance to the three wounded men.

Firing on Yangtze steamers was very prevalent at the beginning of last month when vessels flying the British flag were fired at by bandits and irregular soldiers on both banks of the river. The British steamers Kintang, Kingwa and Chinkwang all came in for attacks, the armed guards placed on board replying in several cases.

No details are available of the Hsiang Chi affair, and it is not known whether she had an armed guard on board. The incident, which apparently occurred on Monday or Tuesday, is one of the most serious of its kind. There have been few cases reported where firing by bandits from the banks of the river have resulted in casualties on board the attacked vessel.

The attack took place at a spot known as mile 116.

Another message states that one bandit party in the district is ready to capitulate and is making overtures to be enrolled under a local General.

OIL PRODUCERS FACE SERIOUS ISSUE.

CONFERENCE TO PREVENT OVER-PRODUCTION.

New York, July 18.

The International Oil Conference, which is being convened to seek an agreement among the largest petroleum producers to prevent over-production, has tentatively been arranged to open on July 30th.

It is understood that the first effort of the Conference will be directed towards preventing over-production in Venezuela and other oil districts in South America.—*Reuter's American Service.*

AMERICAN CREDIT FACILITIES.

OTHER FEDERAL BANKS ADVANCE RATES.

New York, July 18.

The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and Boston have increased their re-discount rates to five per cent.—*Reuter's American Service.*

friend." Grim, imperturbable, gruff of speech and decisive in every utterance, this 68-year-old leader is one of the most forceful and picturesque figures in the British Labour Party to-day. Born amid the pithheads at Preston, he was a pit-boy before he was ten years of age. His home was in the lowest depths of poverty, and a part of his childhood was spent in the workhouse.

Shrewdness and Wit.

Force of character and mental energy quickly blossomed out of the hard knocks, and, before the age of 21, he had become a member of the local School Board. This stepping-stone to public life rapidly led to membership in the Parish Council, the District Council, the Board of Guardians and the County Council. In most of these, he at one time or another held the chairmanship.

He was twenty years President of the Yorkshire Miners' Association before he became head of the British Miners' Federation, a post which he held during the period of the big coal strike in 1926. In all industrial disputes, his cheerful good humour, his shrewdness and wit, have relieved the gloom of many anxious and critical hours of negotiations.

UNIVERSAL PEACE PROPOSALS.

BRITAIN'S REPLY AT LAST OFFERED.

CONTENTS TO BE SECRET UNTIL FRIDAY.

SIR AUSTEN CHEERED.

London, July 18.
Cheers greeted the announcement by Sir Austen Chamberlain in the House of Commons to-day, that he had handed to the United States Charge D'Affaires this morning, the Replies of the Governments of Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, and the Reply of the Government of India to the United States proposals for a multilateral Treaty for the outlawry of war.

The Notes were identic and accepted the proposals, the British Note stating that His Majesty's Government would be happy to sign the Treaty at such time and place as was agreeable to the Government of the United States.

Contents Secret.

Asked whether the Reply contained any reservations, Sir Austen Chamberlain pointed out to the House that he could not make any statement regarding its contents until it was published. He thought it most likely that publication would be authorised on Friday morning.

Further questioned, the Foreign Secretary said that the Irish Free State and Canada had their own representatives in Washington and would hand in their own Replies. The Irish Government had already done so, and Canada was likely to follow suit almost immediately.

Not Identical.

Sir Austen also said that although the Replies of Canada and Ireland were likely to be in a favourable sense, they were not Replies in identical terms as that handed to the Charge D'Affaires in London this morning.

It was for those Governments to publish their own Replies.—*Reuter.*

Canada and Poland Agree.

Ottawa, July 18.

The Canadian Government has handed to the United States Minister, a Reply to Mr. Kellogg's Note regarding the multilateral Treaty for the renunciation of war, accepting the proposals.—*Reuter.*

Warsaw, July 18.

The Polish Foreign Minister has communicated to the United States Minister in Warsaw, a Note stating that the Polish Government is ready to sign the Pact proposed by Mr. Kellogg.—*Reuter.*

Mr. Kellogg's Note Explained.

Mr. Kellogg's Note to the nations on his Renunciation of War Treaty records that none of the replies sent by the nations to the American Note of April last,

"has voiced the least disapproval of the principle... or has suggested any specific modification."

Nor does the American Government think any modification "is necessary to safeguard the legitimate interests of any nation."

"It believes that the right of self-defence is inherent in every Sovereign State and implicit in every treaty."

"It is no less evident that resort to war, in violation of the proposed treaty by one of the parties thereto, would release the other parties from their obligations under the treaty towards the belligerent State. This principle is well recognised."

The Note asserts that America "has no desire to delay or complicate the present negotiations by rigidly adhering to the phraseology" of the original draft.

Alterations Outlined.

Consequently, a revised draft is submitted which is

"identical with that of the draft proposed on April 13, except that the preamble now provides that the (Continued on Page 12.)"

TANGIER TREATY TEXT.

BRITISH NAVY TO PREVENT SMUGGLING.

NEW ADMINISTRATION.

Paris, July 18.

The text of the four-Power Tangier Agreement, which defines the international status of Tangier, and which M. Berthelot, General Secretary of the French Foreign Office, and the British, Spanish and Italian Ambassadors initialed yesterday, has been issued.

The Agreement provides for the establishment of a new corps of gendarmes composed of Moroccans, with an equal number of French and Spanish officers and non-commissioned officers.

The Legislature will include three Italians instead of two as hitherto, and there will be three British members, while the Assistant Administrator of Justice will be an Italian.

The Mixed Court will include an Italian and a Belgian Judge.

ANOTHER TYPHOON WARNING.

Depression Between Tongking and Luzon.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The incipient typhoon to the east of Luzon has not developed, according to to-day's Royal Observatory report. A trough of low pressure, however, extends from Tongking to Luzon.

A warning issued by the Manila Observatory at 9 a.m. to-day states that there is a typhoon west of Luzon, more than 100 miles distant, direction unknown.

The Royal Observatory forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—East winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

The stipulation is also made that the British and Italian Navies may be called upon to assist in the prevention of the smuggling of arms and ammunition into the area.—*Reuter.*

THE ASIA HOTEL CASE.

MAGISTRATE REVERSES HIS DECISION.

In reversing his decision given at the original hearing against the proprietor of the Asia Hotel, who was fined \$200 for allowing his premises to be used for an immoral purpose, Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, found that two soldiers who had given evidence for the prosecution had gone to the hotel with the specific purpose of being discovered with the girls.

His Worship remarked that the actual intention of the girls in going to the hotel was not disclosed as they had not been called to give evidence.

His Worship said he could not accept the evidence of the soldiers that immorality had been committed, as their testimony had conflicted with that of Inspector Shannon with regard to their intentions of visiting the place.

His Worship accordingly dismissed the case.

Mr. H. S. Loseby appeared for the defence.

DUTCH GOVERNMENT AND RUBBER.

COLONIAL MINISTER PROMISES COLLABORATION.

The Hague, July 18.

The Commission which watches the Dutch rubber interests has discussed rubber problems with the Minister for the Colonies who has promised his full collaboration with both the European and native interests in the East Indies.—*Reuter.*

SERIOUS FORGERY CHARGES.

IMPORTANT TRIAL IS RESUMED.

FATHER, CHIEF WITNESS, FAILS TO APPEAR.

PROOF OF EXISTENCE.

The case against Fok Chung-yuen, who is charged with forging, and uttering a deed of assignment in respect of property belonging to his father and with conspiring to defraud the Bank of Canton by means of the document, was resumed before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Since the last hearing, an effort has been made to locate Mr. Fok Kam-chuen, the father who apparently is reluctant to give evidence. A warrant was issued in consequence of his non-appearance on subpoena, but it has not been possible to execute this.

In his absence, Mr. F. C. Jenkins, counsel for the prosecution, proceeded to recast his manner of proving the alleged forgery.

Wong Tai, a clerk in the Office of the Registrar of Companies, was first called to produce Companies' files with reference to Thomas W. Simmons and Company, Limited, part of these including an indenture of agreement dated January 11, 1921.

Mr. C. E. H. Benvis, senior member of the legal firm of Wilkinson and Grist, was the next witness, and he mentioned that for many years his firm had been legal advisers to the International Banking Corporation and later to the National City Bank.

On more than one occasion he had conducted mortgages with the International Banking Corporation by Fok Kam-chuen, with whom he therefore became acquainted.

Documentary Proof.

Witness then produced an indenture of mortgage dated March 27, 1917, by Fok Kam-chuen and another to the International Banking Corporation. He witnessed the signature as being made by Fok Kam-chuen.

He also produced an indenture of a further mortgage, dated May 11, 1917 by Fok Kam-chuen in favour of the same Bank. He witnessed the signature of Fok Kam-chuen thereto, which was made in his presence.

Similarly, he also witnessed Fok Kam-chuen's signature to a further mortgage dated January 31, of the following year, in favour of the same bank.

He also produced a mortgage dated May 30, 1918, in favour of Robert Eugene Bergeron which was executed by Fok Kam-chuen in his presence.

Furthermore, he produced a mortgage dated January 17, 1920, by Fok Kam-chuen to the Asia Banking Corporation. That document was signed by the former twice, on each occasion in witness's presence.

He then produced an agreement dated December 10, 1920, between Thomas W. Simmons and Company, and Thomas W. Simmons and Company, Limited. That agreement was signed by the parties in witness's presence.

Saw Him in Court.

Finally, in reply to Counsel, witness said he gave evidence recently in the Supreme Court in O. J. Action No. 180 of 1923, wherein the complaint was Fok Kam-chuen. He saw the plaintiff in the Court, and to the best of his recollection he was one and the same person, who executed the deeds A. to H. mentioned above.

Counsel:—I understand you knew this man quite well or alight?—I have not seen him for six or seven years. I only saw him in Court.

His Worship:—Because you have not seen him for six or seven years, you cannot swear that he is the man?—I cannot say more than that the person whom I saw in that Court was the person who executed the deeds.

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MALARIA CONTROL APPOINTMENT.

NEW POST FOR MALAYAN EXPERT.

SIR MALCOLM WATSON.

London, July 18.

The Executive Committee of the Ross Institute of Tropical Diseases has appointed Sir Malcolm Watson as Principal of the Malaria Control Department of the Institute.

The Ross Institute Industrial Anti-Malarial Advisory Committee has been formed to assist tropical industries to carry out anti-malarial measures, and it will work in conjunction with the Malaria Department of the Institute.—*Reuter.*

Sir Malcolm Watson, who is medical officer to rubber estates in the F.M.S., Chairman of the Kuantong Rubber Co., of Kuala Lumpur, and of Jaa. Craig, Ltd., engineers, of Klang, is a well-known authority on malaria.

He joined the Malay medical service in 1900, after having been employed at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary and the Smithson Asylum at Greenock, and received the thanks of the Government for anti-malarial work in Klang and Port Swettenham in 1905.

Retiring from the Government service in 1908, he began the work of medical officer to various estates. In 1911, he designed a system of malaria control for Singapore, for which he received the Government's thanks, and he has twice been President of the Malaya branch of the British Medical Association.

MOSCOW ESPIONAGE TRIAL.

REPRESENTATIVES OF FIRMS IN SWEDEN CHARGED.

Moscow, July 18.

The trial has concluded in the Supreme Court of the representatives of two Swedish firms on charges of transmitting secret information.

Three Russians, who were involved in the case have been sentenced to eight years, five years and one year's imprisonment respectively, while six others have been sent to prison for terms varying from two months to four months.

Two employees of the Soviet Agricultural Organisation have been acquitted.

Two of the men sentenced have since been liberated under an amnesty, but the others are not affected by the decree.—*Reuter.*

"CITY" VESSEL GOES ASHORE.

RUNS AGROUND IN THE YANGTZE NORTH CROSSING.

Shanghai, July 18.

The City of Tokyo has gone aground near the North Crossing, 30 miles below Kiukiang. She is at present discharging her cargo into lighters. It is expected that the vessel, which is not in a serious position, will be refloated to-morrow at high tide.

The tug Saint Dominic is going to the scene to-morrow morning from Shanghai. As far as is ascertainable there is no damage to the ship.—*Reuter.*

OPIUM CONTROL IN PERSIA.

PARLIAMENT APPROVES NEW MEASURE.

Tehran, July 18.

The Majlis has approved the Opium Monopoly Bill, which provides for the control of all local and foreign transactions in opium and its products.

Local consumption will be reduced by ten per cent. annually and the export of the drug will only be permitted on payment of a special fee.—*Reuter.*

JAPANESE AWAIT CHINA MOVE.

INTENSE INTEREST IN TREATY PROBLEM.

NANKING SPIRIT OF HOSTILITY REGRETTED.

Ozaka, July 19.

China's first move regarding the Commercial Treaty between Japan and China is being awaited with most intense interest.

The seriousness of the situation is reflected in the prominence given to despatches from China in the columns of the newspapers this morning.

The Asahi and the Mainichi both base their editorials on a review of the situation, and express regret that the New China in plunging into a programme of treaty revision in a spirit of antagonism and hostility towards the foreign Powers.—*Reuter.*

Kwangsi Leader Criticised.

Shanghai, July 18.

A message from Nanking states that a strong denunciation of the militarists was made by Mr. Yu Yu-jen at a meeting of political leaders, who doubt particularly with statements made by Gen. Pei Chung-hsi in Peking recently.

Mr. Yu Yu-jen, who was at one time editor of the National Herald, Shanghai, drew attention to two remarks made by General Pei Chung-hsi, one of which was to the effect that the Central Kuomintang will have to be reorganised if it wants to retain its leadership of China affairs.

Mr. Yu said that what the Kuomintang needs is men with ability to come forward to take the reins of office, who will insist on the militarist elements remaining in the background. "If General Pei and other militarists think they can direct the party, then we politicians will all resign and watch them doing it."

Militarists At Fault.

General Pei also said that the Kuomintang must have power in the administration of all provinces. Mr. Yu pointed out that the first thing towards this end must be a reasonable attitude by the militarists.

Many cases have occurred, he said, when civil authority has been flagrantly interfered with, while the militarists have continually disobeyed the orders of the Nanking Government. Mr. Yu mentioned in particular, Fukien, Anhwei and Kiangsi. The Central Government cannot function until the militarists consent to obey orders, and if General Pei feels so strongly about unification, he might set a good example.

Peking Events.

Shanghai, July 18.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek in response to an invitation, spoke at some length to 1,800 students at the Peking University, on Tuesday.

To-day the Marshal is giving a dinner party to leaders of the commercial, social, educational and political circles and the occasion promises to be of outstanding importance.

The Peking Branch Political Council held its first meeting on Tuesday. Marshal Yen Hui-shan General Pei Chung-hsi, personally attending. It was resolved to request the Nanking Government to consent to the establishment of the Hopedai (Chihli) Provincial Government in Peking.

Li Chai-sum.

Shanghai, July 18.

A report from Chinese sources states that Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister in Peking has invited many important officials to a dinner party which he proposes to give in honour of Marshal Li Chai-sum, the head of the Canton Administration.

Marshal Li will leave Peking in a few days to attend the Fifth Plenary Session of the Kuomintang.

Marshal Yen Hui-shan has announced he will leave for Nanking (Continued on Page 8.)



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GAMBLING DOOMED.

KWANGTUNG AUTHORITIES SUGGEST SUPPRESSION.

It has long been the wish of the Government authorities to suppress all forms of gambling in this province, says the Canton Gazette, but owing to heavy contributions it had been necessary to send to help meet the expenses of the northern expeditionary troops, it was not feasible to prohibit gambling, as the taxes derived under this head formed a big part of the government revenues, and stoppage of this source of funds would have caused serious difficulties to the provincial financial budget.

Now that the northern expedition has reached its goal, there is reasonable expectation that military contributions from Kwangtung will not be required on such a heavy scale. With the holding of the Financial Conference in Nanking, discussing measures for the unification of the country's finances one may logically hope that the Provincial Treasury will have less payments to make, and better revenues coming in, and the position is once again sufficiently promising to permit consideration being given to the suppression of all forms of gambling, with the attendant curtailment of revenue.

At the last meeting of the Provincial Government Council, Messrs. Li Lu-chao, Feng Cho-man and Hsu Sung-ching, were all of opinion that the suppression of gambling be now seriously considered as a highly desirable course. The evils of gambling are too numerous and well known to need recapitulating. The advantages of a stoppage of gambling are somewhat less apparent, but it suffices to mention that were a stoppage enforced, much weeping and gnashing of teeth and bewailing of "bad loss" would be avoided, particularly among the lower classes of the population.

Since gambling revenues form an important part of the government's income, the proposal to prohibit all forms of gambling needs very careful consideration, and the Provincial Council therefore held over the motion pending an investigation by Mr. Feng Cho-man into facts and figures relating to the Government Treasury and revenue.

SAILOR IN TROUBLE.

EMPRESS HOTEL CASE WITHDRAWN.

The case again came before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, in which A. F. Stevens, a British bluejacket, was charged with disorderly conduct and with damaging a window at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, Sr., who appeared for the prosecution, said he understood that defendant was prepared to plead guilty to the charges.

Stevens said that was so. Mr. Leo d'Almada then said that, on that plea, he would save the defendant from any difficulty whatever, by not stating the actual facts of the case. In view of the fact that certain amendments had also been promised by the defendant, which, as their solicitor, Mr. d'Almada had advised his clients to accept, his Worship would be asked to allow the case to be withdrawn and the defendant to be discharged. This was conditional on the defendant staying away from the place.

The Acting Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence, Mr. T. Murphy, said he had no objection to the course.

His Worship ordered defendant to sign a bond guaranteeing his behaving for six months, giving defendant to understand that he was not to appear at the Hotel to cause a disturbance again. He had also better pay compensation.

INDECENCY CHARGE.

DEFENDANT'S STORY.

When the case against Chan Tuk-chau, a telegraphist employed at the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, was continued at the Central Magistracy yesterday, there was a crowd numbering several hundreds attempting to get accommodation in court.

The case was timed to start at 2.15 p.m. but all available seats in court were taken by 2 p.m. In the next fifteen minutes an endless stream flowed towards the court from the entrance, at Arbuthnot Road and through the side entrance, adjoining the police compound. Those who could not get accommodation inside the court began to fill the space outside the court and so rapidly did the crowd grow, that late visitors to the Magistracy had literally to force their way through.

The scene at 2.15 p.m. was reminiscent of the time when six Chinese detectives were charged with demanding bribes from hawkers. At that hearing, the whole of the hawking fraternity of the Colony left their beats to get first hand news of the fate of the detectives. The crowd yesterday was even larger.

The charge against the defendant was one of indecent assault on a maid servant, aged thirteen. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, Jr., Barrister-at-law defended. Mr. E. H. Williams of the S.C.A. prosecuted. The hearing was before Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

Turned Out.

On entering the Court, the Magistrate ordered the Court constable to clear all those who were not properly seated. With the aid of several policemen from the charge room at Central Police Station, the crowd was somewhat reduced, but even this did not deter a great many, who waited two and a half hours in the sun to learn the result of the trial. There were several interruptions during the afternoon's sitting due to some of the crowd trying to make attempts to enter the court when the attention of the constable was drawn away.

Dr. G. H. Thomas of the Government Civil Hospital was recalled to give medical evidence on several points raised by the maid servant.

The cousin of the maidservant in the witness box stated that she learned of the assault on the night of July 1 and lost no time in communicating with the police.

Cross-examined by Mr. d'Almada, witness said that she did speak about compensation at the No. 2 Police Station. She desired compensation because her cousin was betrothed to someone.

Mr. d'Almada: Had you got some money you would not have proceeded with the matter?—We would still have proceeded.

I put it to you that your cousin told you no story at all and that you concocted the present story?—If she had not reported this matter to me I would not have started these proceedings.

The girl recalled stated that the assault was committed on June 30, and added that it occurred on a night when there was a feast.

Sergeant Wheelan in the witness box stated that the cousin had asked for compensation at the police station but no suggestion was made that any compensation paid would be in lieu of proceedings.

This closed the prosecution's case.

The Defence.

Mr. d'Almada submitted that the defendant had no case to answer and that there was not sufficient evidence for a jury to convict. He reviewed the evidence of the

HUGE PROGRAMME.

AMBITIOUS PROJECT OF NATIONALISTS.

Peking, July 18.
Wang Po-shan has issued a 23-page statement on the subject of communications in which he says that communications, except the postal system, are still primitive, although they were organized scores of years ago, and that they are at the present time on the verge of bankruptcy.

The amount of the loans issued in connexion with communications is over \$700,000,000. The government possesses only half the rolling stock which it had in 1915 and there are piles of untransported goods, while there is the most serious corruption. Unlike in other countries, each railway is split up into sections without mutual co-operation.

The statement urges the repair of the railway tracks, the reconstruction of bridges, and the purchase of new cars and locomotives, the building of new lines, the extension of the mail services, an increase in the number of post offices, the construction of 76 wireless stations, the establishment of broadcasting stations in all the important cities, the establishment of an aerial service, and that the government shall take over the administration of navigation, at a total cost of approximately \$300,000,000.

It advocates the building of national, provincial and city highways costing \$138,000,000, the establishment of iron and steel works, the adjustment of the Yangtze waterways, the establishment of ocean navigation routes, and the erection of large shipbuilding yards.

The financial needs for these enterprises will be met by the issue of short term loans and the floating of public loans.

It would prohibit the appropriation of railway and telegraph earnings for other purposes. The payment of principal and interest "of matured indebtedness" should be postponed for two years. This apparently applied to certain loans on which nothing has been paid for several years.

The loans in connexion with communications which the Finance Ministry has been supervising should be left to that Ministry for liquidation.—Reuter.

girl and pointed out discrepancies arising out of her evidence as compared with the medical evidence of Dr. Thomas. Mr. d'Almada drew special attention to the fact that there was no corroborative evidence. He said that there might have been some plausibility if the handkerchief alleged to have been used to gag the maidservant's mouth, or the cord with which her hands were said to have been tied were produced in court, but that was not done. He submitted that the charge was trumped-up and declared that it was a charge "brought against the defendant, a disgraceful charge and an attempt to ruin his character, merely to extort money from him." Defendant was entitled to a discharge from the Court without a stain on his character.

His Worship ruled that the defendant had a case to answer.

In the witness box defendant gave an account of his movements on June 30. He said that he left the house at 7.30 a.m. and worked at the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company until 2 p.m. After a meal, he went to swim and did not return home until 7 p.m., when there were two other persons in the house with him. He went to sleep at 9 p.m. and left the house again at 1.30 a.m. to go on duty at 2 a.m.

The court rose at 4 p.m., the next hearing being fixed for Monday at 2.15 p.m.

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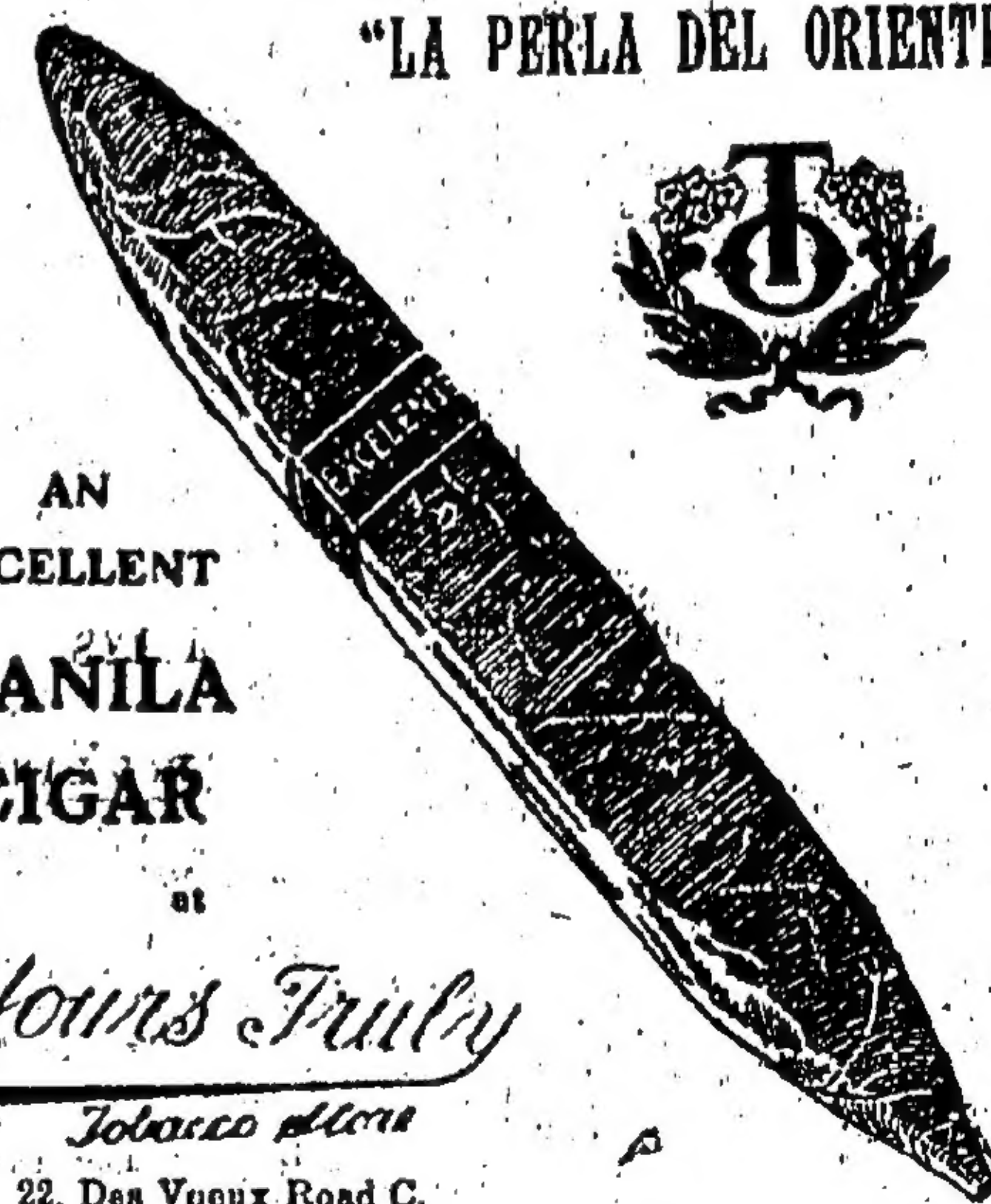
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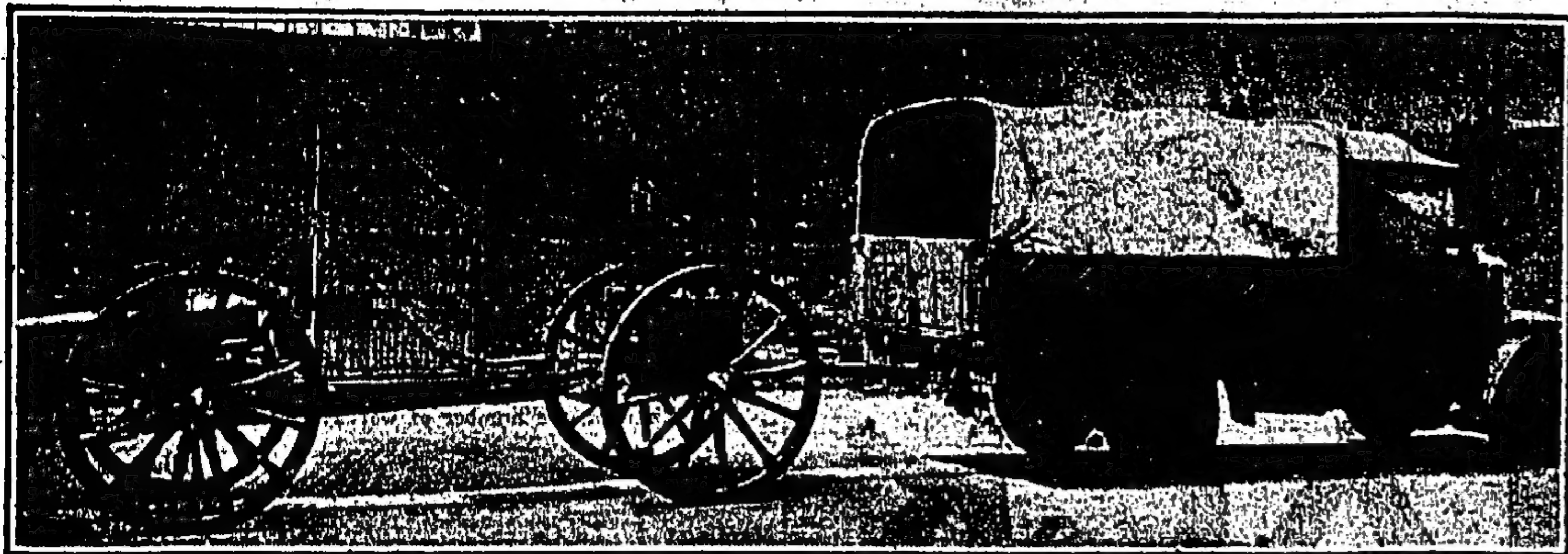
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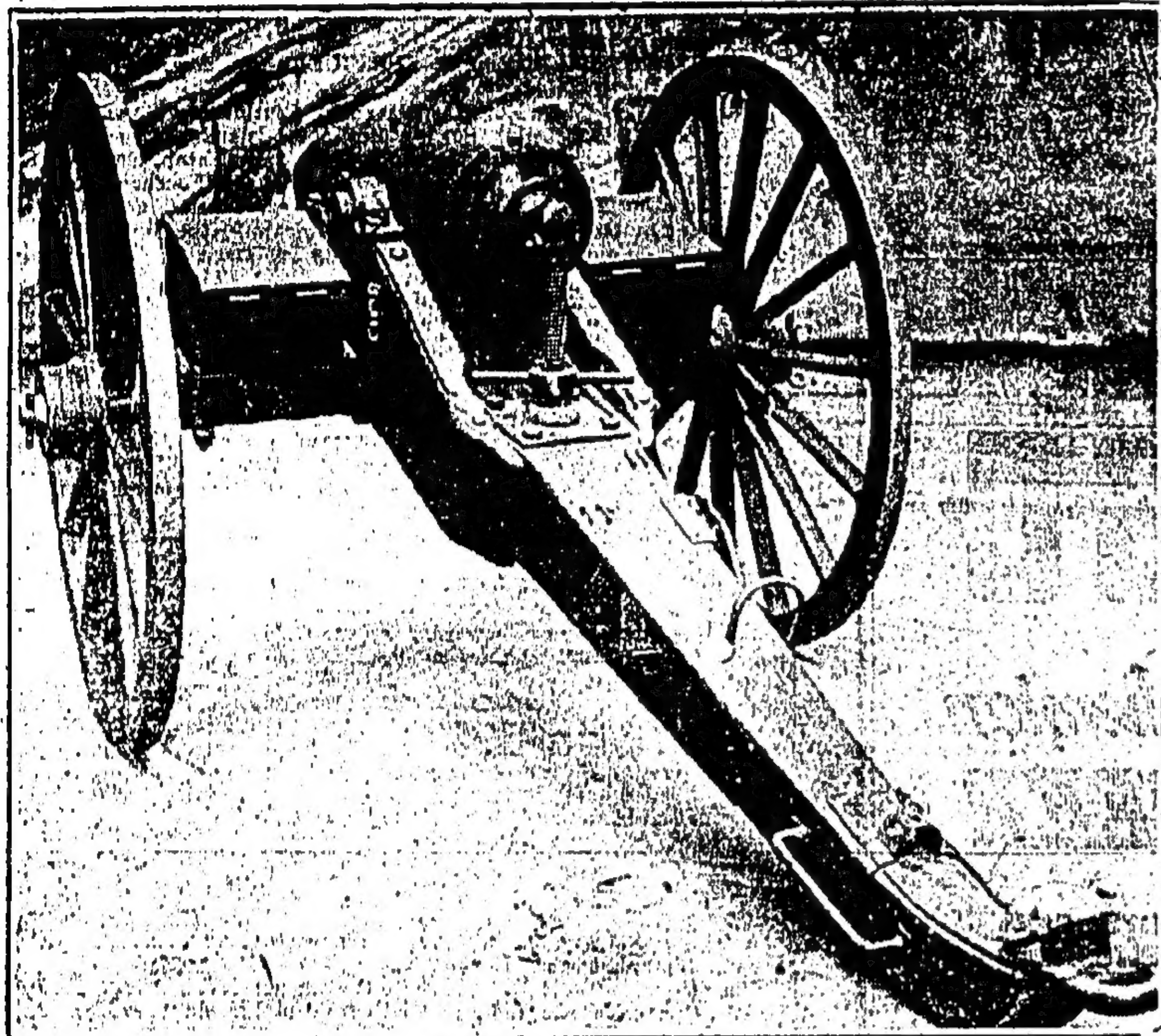
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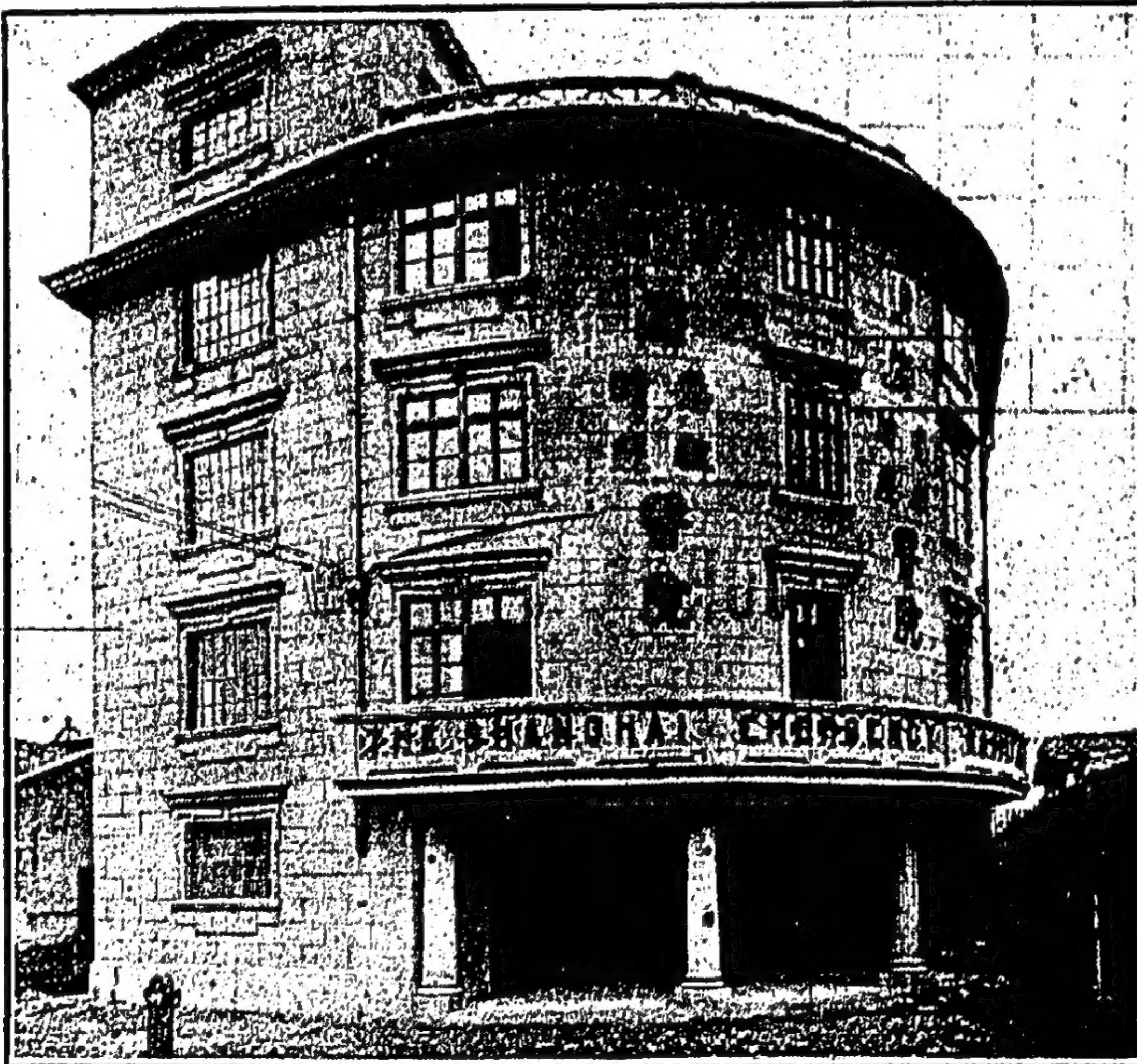
When the Field Artillery Battery of the S. V. C. was formed in 1870 the old-fashioned type of "Ninety Pounder" field piece was used. This was later replaced by the "15 Pounder" which was, in turn, superseded by the 4.5 howitzer now in use. Pictured above is one of the first guns used by the F. A. B. now standing in the S. V. C. Drill Hall



Two photos showing Chinese girls of to-day ready to prove themselves as up-to-date as possible. They are Shanghai graduates.



A young member of the Nationalist Cadet Corps, which has recently been formed in Shanghai. The picture shows the neat and serviceable uniform adopted; the familiar white star on a blue ground figuring on the cap.



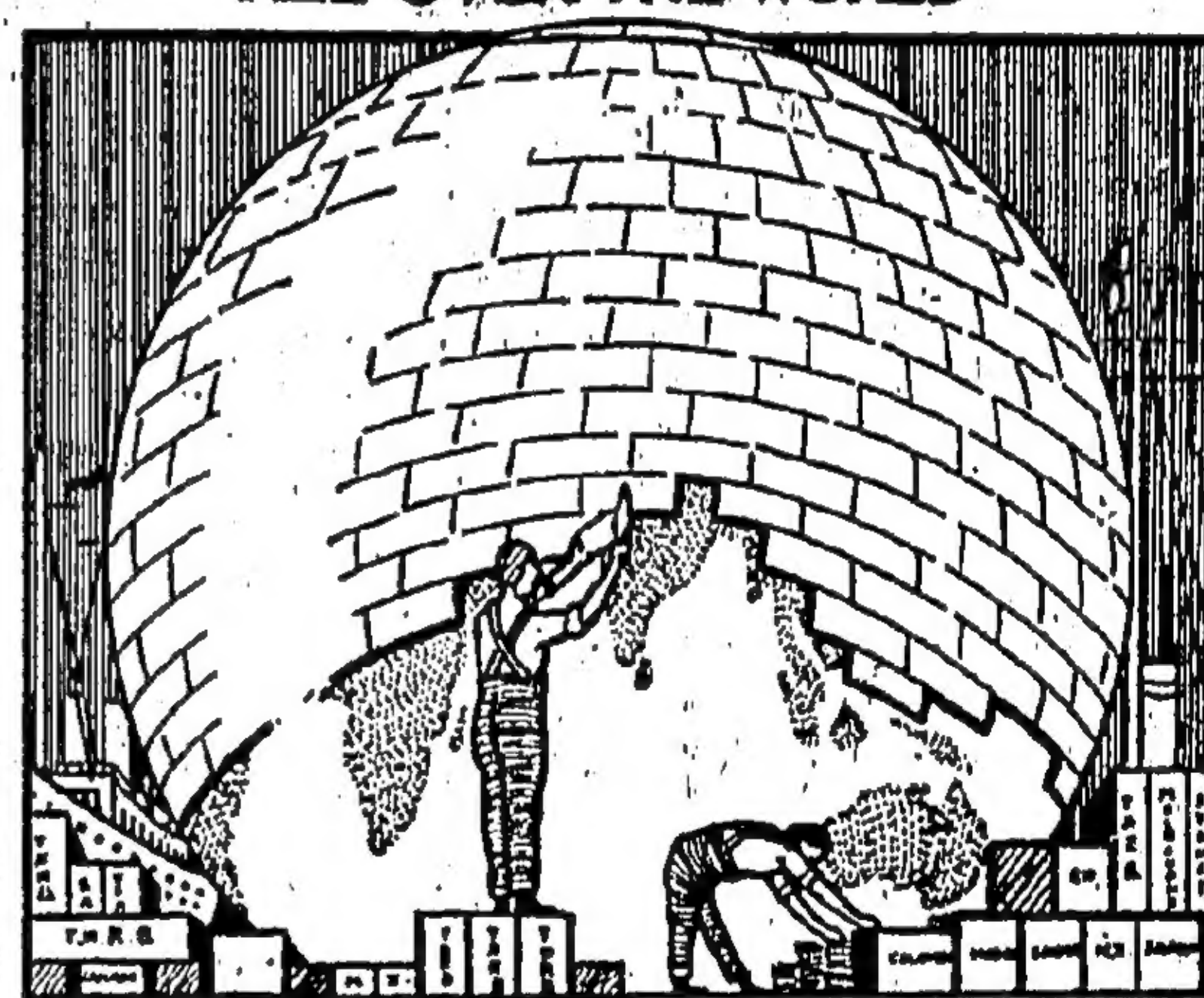
The new Shanghai Emergency Hospital which has opened its doors to Chinese. The hospital fills a long-felt want in Shanghai, and it has opened in time to take care of some of the many cholera victims who overcrowd hospital facilities every year.



Group taken outside Hongkew Fire Station Shanghai when District Officer S. M. Vincent was presented with the Long Service Medal. Capt. E. I. M. Barrett is to be seen in the front row.

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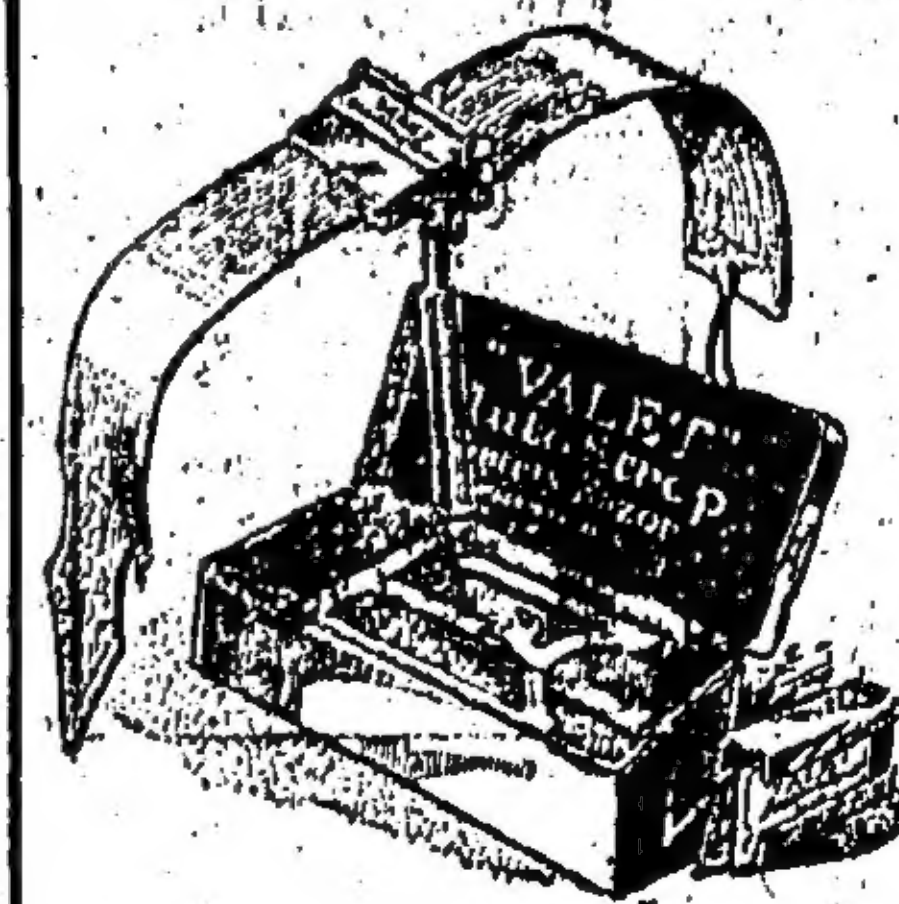
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W. PRYDE
Hon. Secretary.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY LIMITED.

Messrs. Millington, Ltd., of Shanghai, have this day been appointed Advertising Consultants to the Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., and are authorised to canvass for advertisements for the Telephone Directory.

J. P. SHERRY,

Manager.
Hongkong, 19th July, 1928.

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L. S. GREENHILL,
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Hongkong, 13th July, 1928.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 9th proximo or they will not be recognized.

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3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

Sir William Alfred Waterlow (alderman and stationer) and Mr. William George Coxon (citizen and cordwainer) have been elected sheriffs for the ensuing year by the Livery of the City of London, and Sir Adrian Pollock was re-elected chamberlain.

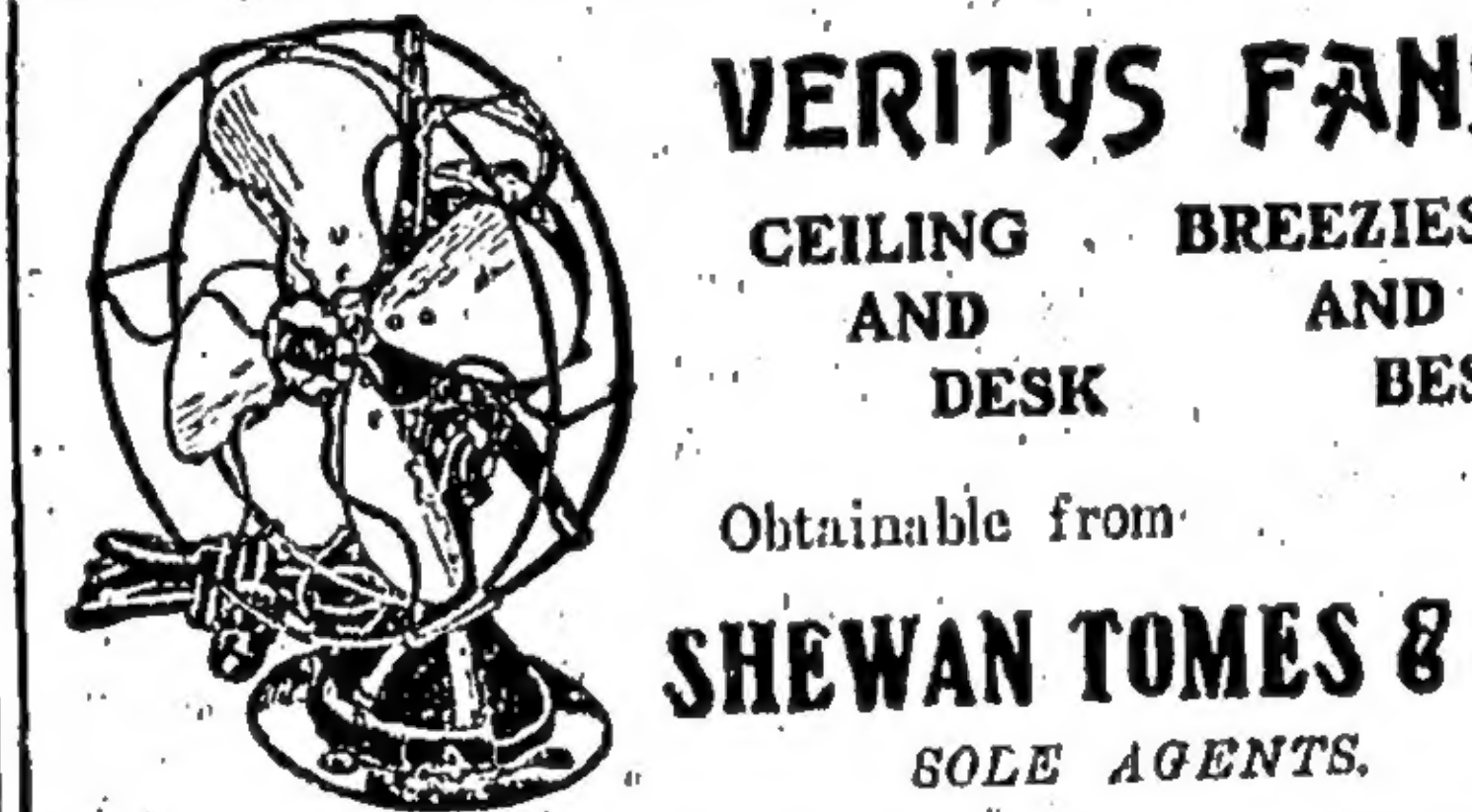


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It is notified for information that the via Wireless rate to EUROPE has been reduced to \$1.65 per word. The rate to the Dutch East Indies has been reduced from \$1.00 to 90 cents per word as from April 25th, 1928.

Rates and further particulars on application to the RADIO COUNTEK, 1st Floor, Government Building.

Telegraphic Addresses—Persons and firms having correspondents in the places named above should in order to avoid delay to telegrams received by radio register their telegraphic addresses immediately.

A direct service to Yunnan Province was opened 20th April, 1928. The inclusive charge will be 60 cents per word; no charge will be collected from the addressee in Yunnan. The service is, however, liable to interruption owing to atmospheric disturbances and messages are accepted at sender's risk.

Commencing 12th June the radio telegraphic rate between Hongkong and Canton was reduced to 20 cents (Hongkong currency) per word. No charges will be payable by addressee at either end.

Dutiable articles forwarded by letter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

The Public are reminded that the 1 cent rate for circulars for addresses in the Colony or Weihaiwei applies only when such circulars are posted in batches of not less than ten of uniform size and weight, by being delivered to an officer of the Post Office.

INWARD MAILS

From	For	Due
Shanghai and Amoy	Yingchow	July 19.
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via	Rawalpindi	July 20.
Siberia	President Lincoln	July 20.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan, and Shanghai	Tahiti	July 21.
Straits	Alipore	July 21.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Garfield	July 22.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan, and Shang-	Empress of Canada	July 30.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kong Ning	Thurs., July 19, 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Kutsang	Thurs., July 19, 5 p.m.
Port Bayard, Hoihow and Haiphong	Song Bo	Thurs., July 19, 5 p.m.
Japan	Tajputana	Thurs., July 19, 5 p.m.
Formosa	Saarlund	Thurs., July 19, 5 p.m.
Salgon	Bourbon	Thurs., July 19, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Rajputana	Thurs., July 19, 6 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Mishima Maru	Fri., July 20, 9.30 a.m.
Bangkok	Bintang	Fri., July 20, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Fri., July 20, 2 p.m.
Manila	City of Bedford	Fri., July 20, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Boochow	Fri., July 20, 6 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles

Rawalpindi Sat., July 21.

K. P. O.

Parcels July 20, 4.30 p.m.

Registration July 21, 9 a.m.

Letters July 21, 10 a.m.

G. P. O.

Parcels July 20, 5 p.m.

Registration July 21, 9.45 a.m.

Letters July 21, 10.30 a.m.

(Due Marseilles 18th August.)

Manila Pres. Lincoln Sat., July 21, 4.30 p.m.

Bangkok Chinhua Sat., July 21, 4.30 p.m.

Hoihow and Haiphong New Mathilde Sat., July 21, 5 p.m.

Shanghai and Europe via Siberia Glenogle Mon., July 21, 6 p.m.

Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong Tean Sun., July 22, 8.30 a.m.

Bangkok via Swatow Kwangchow Sun., July 22, 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Kishu Maru Sun., July 22, 9 a.m.

Japan Alipore Mon., July 23, 10.30 a.m.

Shanghai Hakone Maru Mon., July 23, 10.30 a.m.

Swatow Yenchow Mon., July 23, 10.30 a.m.

Shanghai and Europe via Siberia Pres. Grant Mon., July 23.

Parcels Sat., July 21, 4.30 p.m.

Registration Sat., July 21, 9 a.m.

Letters Sat., July 21, 10 a.m.

(Due Victoria B.C. 18th August.)

Formosa, Honolulu and San Fran-

cisco Siberia Maru Tues., July 24, 8.30 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hai Ning Tues., July 24, 2 p.m.

Straits, Egypt and Europe via Persus Tues., July 24.

Marseilles K. P. O.

Registration Sat., July 21, 1 p.m.

Letters Sat., July 21, 1 p.m.

G. P. O.

Registration Sat., July 21, 1.45 p.m.

Letters Sat., July 21, 2.30 p.m.

(Due Marseilles 24th August.)

Manila, Australia and New Zealand

via Thursday Island Aki Maru Wed., July 25,

Registration Sat., July 21, 8.45 a.m.

Letters Sat., July 21, 9.30 a.m.

(Due Thursday Island, 6th August.)

Swatow Hopsang Wed., July 25, 10.30 a.m.

Straits and Calcutta Pookang Wed., July 25,

Parcels noon.

Letters Sat., July 21, 1 p.m.

Sandakan Hipsang Wed., July 25, 1.30 p.m.

Swatow Lhan Thurs., July 26, 12.30 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Halching Fri., July 27, 2 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,

E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe

via Marseilles Katori Maru Sat., July 28,

K. P. O.

Registration Sat., July 27, 4.30 p.m.

Letters Sat., July 27, 9 a.m.

G. P. O.

Registration Sat., July 27, 8.45 a.m.

Letters Sat., July 27, 9.30 a.m.

(Due Marseilles 27th August.)

Amoy Sin Kiang Mon., July 23, 5 p.m.

Manila Pres. Garfield Sun., July 23, 5 p.m.

Manila Emp. of Canada Tues., July 31,

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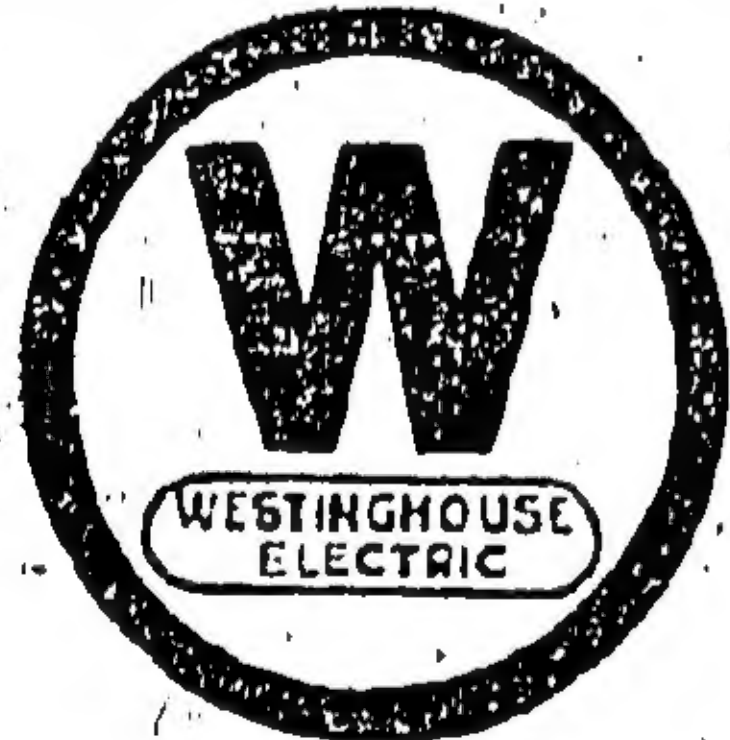
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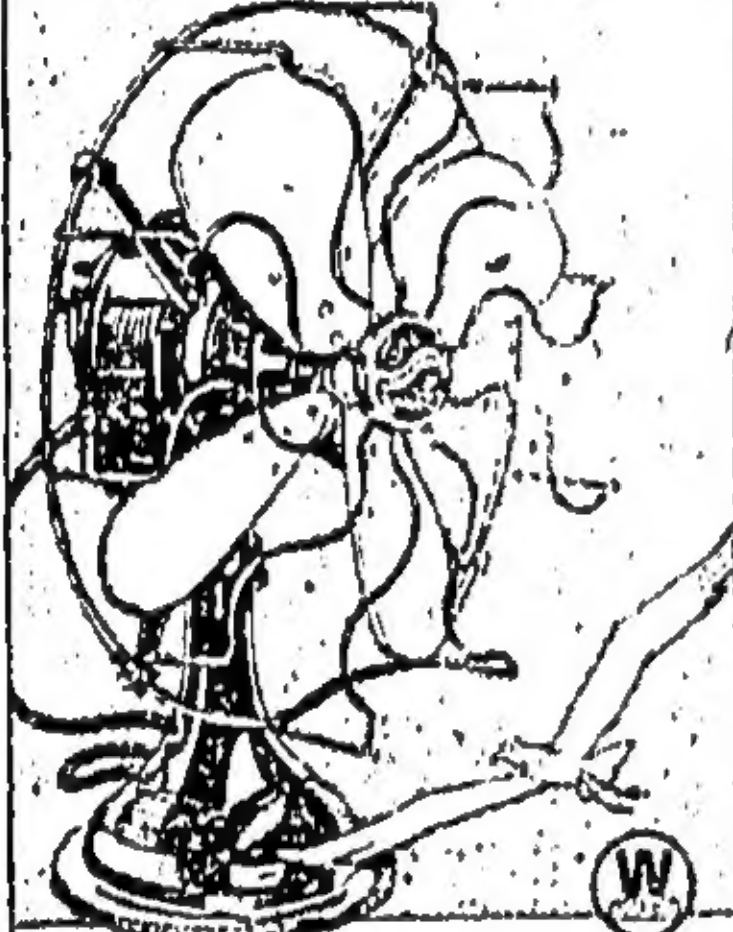
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"As long as I was moving about my feet did not trouble me, but when I sat down they would get numb, with sensations as though pins and needles were pricking them. At night my feet would burn and ache so that I could not sleep.

"I had suffered for a long time in this way before I heard about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. After I tried them I soon noticed an improvement. The burning pain went away and I gained in strength so that I did not tire so easily as formerly. The pains in my shoulders stopped also and my sleep became sound and refreshing. I am certainly pleased with the way Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have helped me and I have recommended them to my friends."

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WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Raising Eyebrows.

[By Olive Roberts Barton.]

It is the style to raise eyebrows. No, not by drawing up the forehead muscles and putting on a pained or surprised expression, but literally. Eyebrows, to be fashionable now, are to be long, heavy, and quite curly. Vaseline and other hair restorers are being resorted to, and that falling you bid you to a beauty shop and buy a pair and paste them on. So there you are, quite in the mode, although you may resemble a Mexican bandit or one of Mrs. Jarley's wax works.

Behind everything there is a reason. Behind this new fad, if it ever attains so much prominence, there is one that is very evident.

Plucking the eyebrows to make them into a thin, stenciled line, could not go on forever.

At any rate some eye specialists have said so, explaining that it was hard on the nerves of the eyelids and so had a tendency in many cases to affect the sight, also because hairs constantly plucked out become bristly and stiff, growing thick and wild and long as a result of irritated follicles.

Women who have had their eyebrows plucked for years and who have given up the custom, almost invariably will have rather "beetling" brows. But this is natural and in many cases quite becoming. An entirely different effect is obtained from that of pasting on "eyebrow moultures."

Powdered wigs were adopted to imitate the prematurely grey hair of a French queen. Bustles were made fashionable by a designer who was asked to contrive a dress calculated to conceal the figure of a patron who was a social leader. The first woman to wear hoop skirts no doubt had unbecomingly legs.

And so it goes! There always is a reason. But I am inclined to think that the rumoured fad of false brows will never be popular. At least we hope so.

Ways of wearing Scarves.



The lower sketch shows a white chiffon scarf polka dotted in green; it is wound once round the throat and one end is allowed to hang loose while the other is tucked inside the neck opening. Quaint and charming is the fish arrangement suggested in the second sketch, the ends of the spotted neck scarf being held by a large old-fashioned buckle.

Chosen as "Miss Colorado."



Miss Mildred Ellene Golden, 19, of Greeley and Denver, was chosen to represent her state in the International Pageant of Pulchritude at Galveston.

The Mail Arrives.

A JUNE NIGHT IN INDIA.

[By Nancy Morrison.]

The fierce Indian sun has gone down at last, and the reds and golds of the sky have faded to pale amber; there is a blessed hint of coolness in the quivering air. Every few minutes the scattered groups on the lawn in front of the club are reinforced by weary, dripping tennis-players from the courts near by. There is the intermittent sound of wheels coming up the drive; cars and dog-carts unload. Cries of "Boy!" go up from all sides, and drinks are brought by dark-skinned, white-clad khaki-guards. One hears, with a thrill of anticipation, the clink of ice against glass.

With the first "peg" of the day, tongues are loosened. Snatches of talk drift from one table to another. . . . of horses . . . of the deficiencies of servants . . . station gossip. Sometimes there are gusts of laughter.

Memories of the Silver Isle. Bridge tables are brought out and, as it grows swiftly darker, haring lamps are lit. In twos and threes men saunter off towards the bar. Someone starts a gramophone in the club drawing-room and a few youngsters trail off to dance. The tune? "Muddy River!" Nothing to make one homesick, surely, here in this land of muddy rivers. But a sudden memory tugs. "Commence," last year. June—and the shining, silver Isle.

Good News Travels Fast. The sky turns to luminous blue, against which the club buildings faller, unsubstantial and strange. The first star peeps out; soon the

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Ambition by a narrow path
mounts high,
Winding its way to heights all
dazzling fair;
The kingdoms with their glory
out stretched lie
On every hand beyond the
reach of care.

Who would not climb? Youth
eager scorns all pains
And brings the mountain low
to its demand;
At infinite cost the summit it at-
tains
To find that age surveys—a
waste of sand.

T. S. CAIRNCROSS.

moon, a huge, white lantern, climbs wearily aloft. A late-comer arrives, and like a flash the word goes round from group to group that the mail is in—early, for a wonder.

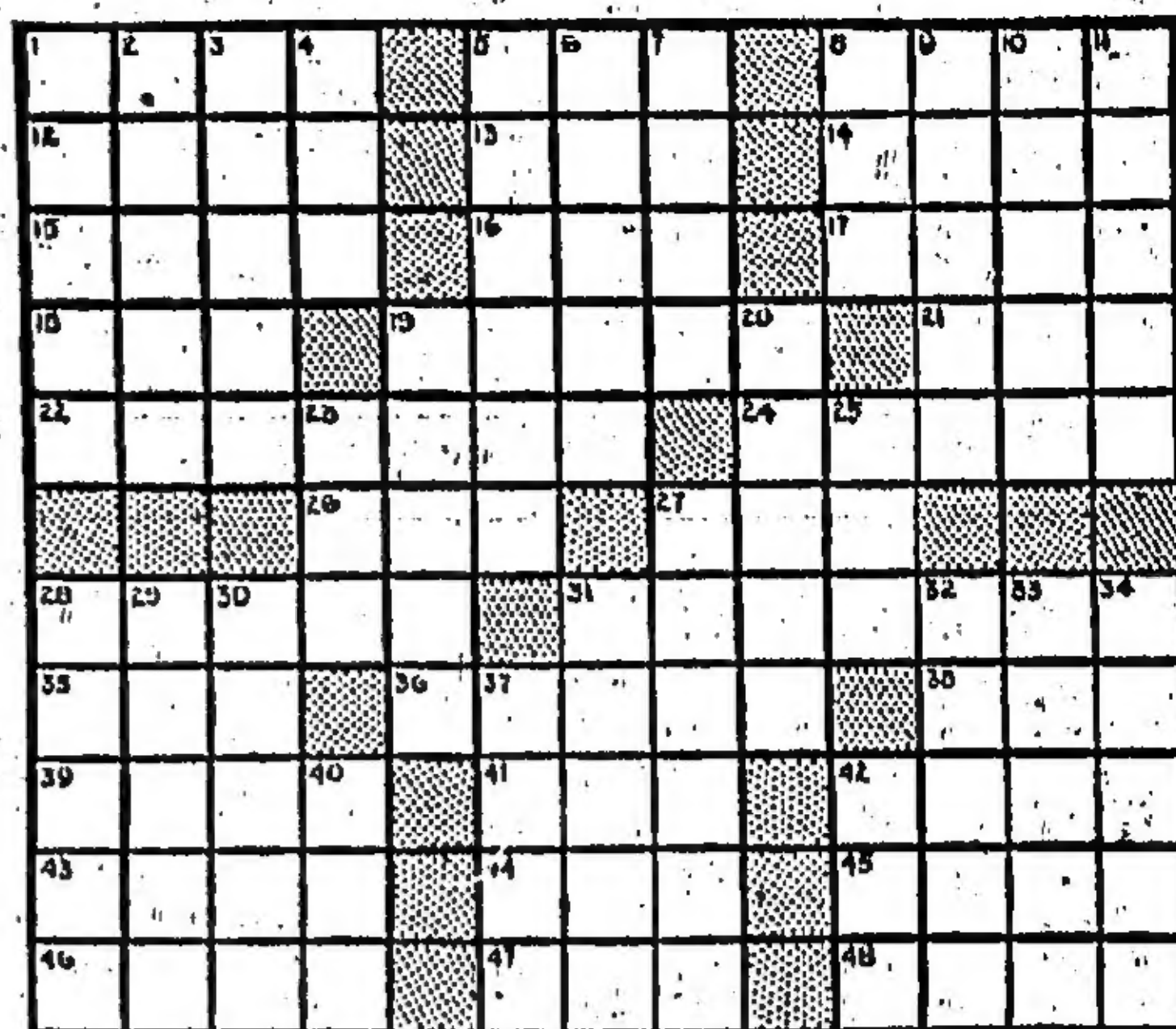
Letters from "Home." "That means the letters will be up at the bungalow," a woman at the next table exclaims. "Frightfully sorry, but I must fly. I'm simply dying to hear if those children of mine—"

"I wonder if you'll excuse me," rumbles a deep voice from another direction. "My wife wasn't too fit last time I heard. If you don't mind I'll be getting along."

"We're going to push off, too. What about giving you a lift?" And indeed there is no need of excuse or apology. Almost imperceptibly the knots of idlers melt away. The bar slowly empties. Even the bridge players grow restless and disperse.

The club becomes deserted, very silent. The exiles, deep in their mail, are "back home."

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal.

- 1 Seasoning used for the preservation of meats.
- 5 A legume.
- 8 Venomous snakes.
- 12 Premium paid for the exchange of one currency for another.
- 13 To avail one's self of.
- 14 Skin of a beast.
- 15 Coarse thread used to outline the design in lace.
- 16 Inlet.
- 17 Any shallow receptacle for holding articles.
- 18 Prophet who trained Samuel.
- 19 A vehicle on runners (pl.).
- 21 To be sick.
- 22 The coat after roughing-in in plastering.
- 24 To amalgamate.
- 26 Bwer.
- 27 In contrast with "con."
- 28 To hurl.
- 31 To disengage.
- 35 Two fives.
- 36 Large recessed window.
- 38 Sol.
- 39 To mitigate.
- 41 Fermented liquor made from an infusion of malt.
- 42 Radical (math.).
- 43 To state positively.
- 44 Seven plus three.
- 45 Galle.
- 46 To measure.
- 47 Animal similar to a horse.
- 48 Mocked.

- 4 Peak.
- 5 Horizontal timber supporting the common rafters.
- 6 Basket twig.
- 7 Lifeless.
- 8 Ready.
- 9 Harem.
- 10 To braid.
- 11 Fashion.
- 19 Large silvery fish related to the sheephead.
- 20 Pertaining to the calf of the leg.
- 23 Merriment.
- 25 To bow.
- 27 Primp.
- 28 Gas into which water is converted at the boiling point.
- 29 To depart.
- 30 An inscription.
- 31 Glazed clay blocks.
- 32 To arrogate.
- 33 To blaspheme.
- 34 Finished.
- 37 Polynesian chestnut tree.
- 40 Before.
- 42 The deep.

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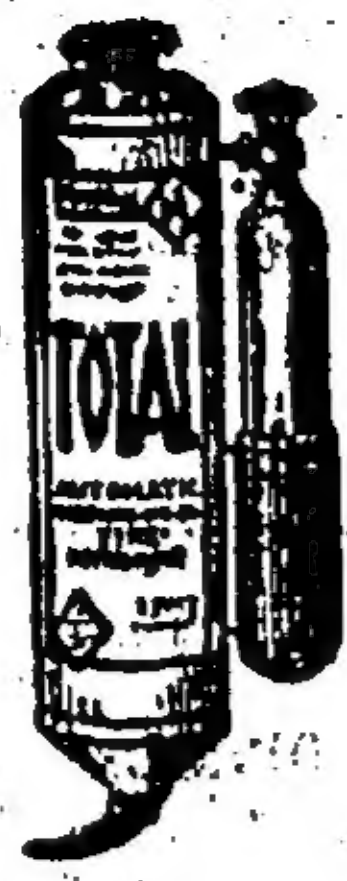
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THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1928

AN UNWARRANTED
ATTACK.

It has never been the policy of the *Telegraph* to indulge in detraction of a contemporary; on the contrary, we think we can justly claim to have studiously avoided, as a point of principle, any hint of such a practice, and that, with us, the spirit of rivalry has been confined to the dissemination of news. As a newspaper, however, we have a sense of duty to the public, and we cannot, must not, allow to pass unchallenged a totally unwarranted and gratuitous imputation by the *China Mail* in an editorial comment yesterday, against the locally-engaged staffs of the Government Service. The *China Mail* has the temerity to ask: "How many of the locally-engaged labourers are worthy of their hire?" and, referring to the posts filled by men engaged locally, says that "Of course, in any sphere of activity, they are seldom filled satisfactorily." We can only express our surprise and indignation that such an unwarranted attack on a thoroughly hard-working body of men should be allowed to appear in the columns of a local paper.

The whole article is undoubtedly based on an absolute fallacy, but nevertheless, it is a fallacy which must be quickly and emphatically repudiated. Does the *China Mail* realise it is casting a slur on men, who, in many cases, have devoted their whole lives to the Government Service? Is it necessary to point out that the locally-engaged staffs have built up the solid foundation on which the Government of the Colony rests, that they are the permanent structure of the various Departments which alone can guarantee smooth working?

Does anyone imagine that our Cadets, who fit from post to post, from department to department, could carry on without their "permanent under-secretaries" as we might call them? These are the men the *China Mail* dares to suggest are not worthy of their

hire. We would recall that a gentleman in the Post Office was recently awarded the I.S.O. Medal for his efficient Post Office, is almost entirely run by local servants locally engaged, and we are sure that the Postmaster General would be the first to admit it. The Harbour Office has many locally-engaged men to every "Sterling-paid" official, the Public Works Department, has draughtsmen and clerks all of whom are embraced by the *China Mail's* sweeping denunciation. The Police Court interpreters and Magistrates' clerks, the large staff of clerks and minor officials at the Supreme Court, in fact in any Government Department in which one cares to enquire, the same set of circumstances prevail.

These are the men, who do the spade-work, these whom the *China Mail* suggests are not worthy of their hire. The whole thing is preposterous, and the pity of it is that they are not in a position to defend themselves against the entirely unjust imputations, which also explains why we feel so strongly in the matter. We realise, of course, that no-one with any real conception of the subject will pay serious attention to the views expressed, which are so violent and so wholly false. In fact, the kindest interpretation we can place on the comment in question is that the writer was abysmally ignorant of the responsibilities of the men, whose cause was so ably advocated by Mr. Braga.

Flying Clubs.

In his communication to the Press the other day regarding the proposed formation of a Light Seaplane Club for Hongkong, Mr. R. Vaughan-Fowler made reference to the steady growth of the flying-club movement in various parts of the British Empire. On this point, we have recently come across some interesting facts concerning the efforts which are being made in Canada to educate the people into a fuller comprehension of the present place and future possibilities of aviation. During the period of a few weeks recently, no fewer than twenty flying clubs, with a membership of over six hundred actual and potential civilian air pilots, were formed in the Dominion, and the movement, we are told, is still only in its infancy.

This movement has the practical support of the Canadian Government, which has agreed to provide two light aeroplanes for the use of each club formed under certain rules. These rules provide that a club must have at least thirty members willing to qualify as pilots and no fewer than ten already qualified and desirous of continuing to fly. There has to be provided by the club a flying field or seaplane station, adequate housing accommodation for the machines, and fully qualified instructors and air mechanics. The club deposits a bond for the security of the planes, which remain the property of the Government. In addition to the standard provision of two machines for each club, the Government agrees to provide an additional plane for each one obtained by a club on its own initiative. Thirty Moth machines already have been ordered for distribution when conditions are met, and more will be obtained as they are needed. Hamilton has the largest club, with a membership of over eighty. The cost of membership is somewhat high, but flying has so seized the imagination of the public that there is no scarcity of applicants anywhere.

It will be understood, of course, that the flying-club scheme in Canada is devised, in the main, for practical purposes, quite apart from any value it will have in the provision of flying facilities as a pleasure. These clubs are regarded in the Dominion as an excellent medium for dotting the country with little groups of efficient pilots and adequate landing fields, thus opening the way to the unhampered extension of commercial aviation. There is the other aspect as well—the creation of a new and profitable vocation for adventurous youth, so that club membership may be said to result in training for a profession at the same time that it provides a new outlet for sporting instincts.

DAY BY DAY.

"WHEN ONE IS IN A GOOD SOUND RAGE, IT IS ASTONISHING HOW CALM ONE CAN BE."—*Bulwer-Lytton*.

A Chinese case of typhoid was notified yesterday.

Queen's College is holding its annual boxing and fencing tournament on Friday afternoon.

Bishop Costa Nunes, of Macao, returned from Singapore by the P. and O. liner Rajputana today.

Owing to family connexion, telegrams to and from Shanghai are at present subject to abnormal delay.

Messrs. Millington, Ltd., have been appointed advertising consultants to the Hongkong Telephone Directory.

The mail from Home via Suez, by the a.s. Rajputana, dated June 21, consisted of 366 bags, and was distributed this morning.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. M. F. Hille, 6, Felix Villas, Pokfulam, to Miss H. R. Komor, 18, Felix Villas, Pokfulam.

An Indian youth named M. Malubhoj, twelve years of age, was injured yesterday afternoon when he tried to alight from a moving tramcar on the Praya East.

The a.s. New Mathilde, arriving from Haiphong and Hoihow, reports passing a large junk under jury rig in Latitude 20.33 North, Longitude 111.34 East. She was in need of assistance.

Passengers departing by the Empress of Asia yesterday included Mr. and Mrs. Henry Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. C. Thwaites, Mrs. J. C. Clark, Mr. D. S. Nelson, Dr. J. E. Campbell, and Mr. Jack Braga.

A Notice to Mariners, issued under today's date, is as follows:—Boats, launches and other vessels are hereby notified to keep clear of cables under repairs at the sea wall near Murray Pier during the three days ending July 21.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Comdr. J. B. Newell, D.S.O., R.N., three mistresses of cargo boats were charged with lying inshore during dark hours, and, pleading guilty, were fined \$10 with the alternative of 10 days imprisonment.

The master of a cargo junk reported to the police yesterday that he was injured in the mouth and left eye, following an assault by two Chinese who claimed to be policemen. The two Chinese, it is believed, attempted to extort money from him.

The case at the Criminal Sessions in which To Man and Lo Lau were indicted for robbing a girl of a gold bracelet, near the Blind Home at Kowloon City, was concluded yesterday afternoon. Mr. Justice Jackson sentenced both men to five years' hard labour and 12 strokes with the "cat."

A summons for tampering with the filtered-water mains of Kowloon Tong, against Mr. Ho Ping-yin, of No. 320, was mentioned before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning. On a written request from Mr. C. A. S. Russ, the case was adjourned for one week.

"You must remember to take off your hat when you come into a Law Court. These are a roof on this Court so you don't have to wear a hat to keep the sun off," said Mr. W. Schofield to a Chinese who was seen wearing a hat in the Kowloon Court this morning. The man was fined \$1.

Passengers arriving from Home today by the P. and O. liner Rajputana included the Rev. J. J. Hodgins, Captain W. H. Williams, Lieut. R. C. Gordon, Mrs. D. L. Wills, Miss E. F. J. Hendy, Miss N. Johansson, Miss M. Friend, Messrs. F. Webster, C. C. Kirke, J. Moodie, D. Wilson, S. Stacey, J. Gilliaty and E. T. Hoskin.

A report was made to the police yesterday by the Very Rev. Dean Swynn that twelve palms were stolen from their pots at St. John's Cathedral between 6 and 7 a.m. yesterday morning. The thieves rooted the palms from their pots and in doing so damaged seven of the flower pots. The palms are valued by the Dean at \$50.

The P. and O. liner Rajputana, which arrived here this morning, is on her first trip to the Far East, she having been hitherto on the Marseilles-Bombay run. She is a splendid boat of the Rumpuna and the Rawalpindi class, and last year took the King and Queen of Afghanistan from Bombay to Marseilles on their first visit to Europe. The P. and O. Company are replacing obsolete vessels on the Far East run by some of their newest and finest ships.

BRILLIANT WOMAN
VIOLINIST.MISS HANSEN COMING TO
HONGKONG.

Current press advices just to hand from England indicate that Miss Cecilia Hansen, the world's greatest woman violinist, has recently concluded an unusually brilliant concert tour in that country. The musical correspondent of the London *Daily Telegraph*, writing in a recent issue of that paper says "there is no questioning the rare accomplishment in the art and craft of the violinist displayed by Miss Cecilia Hansen. A recital this on which memory lingers for playing at once so musically and so dexterous is something to be grateful for." The *Sunday Times* in its issue of May 13th, wrote "it was an unusual and delightful experience to have one's attention firmly held without a suspicion of meretricious sentiment being employed." "Such all-round excellence is uncommon," states the *Times* of May 11th, while the *Morning Post* of the same date says of Cecilia Hansen "she has the rare power of mingling her own personality with the music she plays without in any way usurping the composer's rights."

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The Very Idea!

I am breathing deeply the fragrance of a copy of the products of human ingenuity that I have found growing in the pages of the *Popular Science Monthly*, says a writer in a Home paper. All these are true inventions, properly patented.

Item: A mousetrap, patented in 1908. It is based on the theory that the "sound or tinkling of a bell is, as a rule, very terrifying to rats and mice, and that if pursued by such sounds, they will immediately vacate their haunts and homes, never to return." Cheese is the bait, and to get it, the mouse has to put his head through a spring collar; this snaps round his neck. There is a bell on the collar. The mouse escapes and returns to his hole, ringing the bell. The other mice then all run away.

Item: A Device for Producing Dimples, patented in 1890. This is simply a brace and bit for wearing down "a neat hollow" in the face wherever desired.

Item: The Hair Planter. This is a patented machine for puncturing bald scalp. A length of hair—cut to taste—is then inserted in each puncture.

Counsel at Wood Green, N., to woman: I think your age is 60? The woman: Yes. The Magistrate: I thought it was 20 by her looks.

Mr. Luke, the Willesden magistrate: Once we start showing indulgence to runaway husbands, there are hundreds of other husbands ready to throw up their wives.

"A wife is entitled to the half of every crust her husband has."—Mr. Luke, the Willesden magistrate.

Young Nottingham wife: My husband has often snatched my face, but he has never assaulted me properly.

A man in a letter to the Harrodsburg *Herold* claims he is his own grandfather. His letter says—"I married a widow with a grown daughter. My father, a widower, married my stepdaughter, thus becoming my son-in-law, and his wife, formerly my step-daughter, became my stepmother also. My wife also became my grandmother, for she was the mother of my step-mother, and as the husband of any one's grandmother is called grandfather, I must be my own grandfather."

[In many places the mosquito incense has been inclosed, carbolic is found to be effective.]—*Daily Paper*.

Creature. The most obnoxious feature of your annual intensive Offensive.

Is the way in which, one feels, you regard us as incipient square meals!

Well, well, This year there is another tale to tell.

At last the worms have turned. So far as you're concerned! In your nurseries bucolic Young mosquitoes Have been wildly dissipating, And irrigating with crude carbolic

And turning up their wee toes. As for you, your name is MUD. Have at thee for a scurvy knave!

(misses) GOT HIM—THUD!

A little man entered a shop and said to the assistant, "I want to buy a present for my wife."

"Yes, sir," replied the assistant; "something electrical, perhaps?"

"I think so," was the answer. "Have you any electric chairs?"

Having bought an everlasting wreath, and ordered two coffins, a second-hand clothes dealer in Paris strangled his mother, and then hanged himself. He left a letter to the police apologising for the trouble he had caused.

West Ham magistrate to a man of sixty-five, accused of damaging a plate glass window: Would you like to say anything more to me? Man: I should like to kiss you.

TOPEE AND LONG COAT.

SECURED BY MEANS OF A RUSE.

By means of a clever ruse, a Chinese managed to obtain a topee and a Chinese long coat from a married woman residing at No. 27, Hollywood Road yesterday.

The man presented himself at the address named during the afternoon and claimed to be an office boy of the woman's husband. He said that the husband had sent him home for his topee and long coat and these were handed over without question.

On the husband returning home from work, the trick was revealed, and a report was at once made to the police.

HIGHWAY HOLD-UP TRIAL.**SEQUEL TO KING'S PARK AFFAIR.****ARRESTED MEN APPEAR AT SESSIONS.****NO IDENTIFICATION.**

Within an hour of a ricksha being held up and the passenger robbed by four men in Gascoigne Road near King's Park, in the early hours of the morning of June 16, Chinese detectives in charge of Sergt. Mottram arrested two men on whom were found some of the stolen articles.

The sequel was heard at the Criminal Sessions this morning, before Mr. Justice Jackson, when Tang In and Tsui Chiu, with two others unknown were charged with robbing Wong Fui and stealing a jacket, a pair of trousers, a hat, a pencil, a tooth brush, a handkerchief and \$23.70 in money.

Mr. Somervell Fitzroy prosecuted for the Crown and the prisoners denied the charge.

"Rather Extraordinary."

In opening the case for the Crown, Mr. Fitzroy said the case was rather extraordinary and perhaps not devoid of difficulty. Wong Fui arrived in the Colony from Canton by the s.s. Lungshan and at about one o'clock on the morning in question he went to Yau-mat, crossing by the ferry. He engaged a ricksha and proceeded along Gascoigne Road.

When he had travelled a certain distance along that road, at a spot near to King's Park, four men suddenly appeared, two on one side and a similar number on the other. Of these men, three wore dark clothes and the third was dressed in clothes of a lighter colour.

Arms Produced.

These men, continued counsel, stopped the ricksha and made the complainant get out. One of the men put his arms round Wong Fui, two others produced some form of daggers, while the fourth displayed a revolver. They then proceeded to rob Wong of the articles mentioned in the charge, leaving him dressed in a short pair of trousers and a singlet. Having completed the robbery, they allowed him to enter the ricksha but refused to allow him to proceed back to Yau-mat, saying he must go onwards.

Wong Fui did as he was bid but, after having gone a short distance, he noticed that the men had disappeared, so he returned to Yau-mat and reported the affair at the Police Station.

Two Men Arrested.

As a result of the report, said Mr. Fitzroy, Sergt. Mottram went to the spot with some detectives and, on arriving there, two men (the prisoners) were seen to emerge from the bushes. They were promptly seized and searched. The first prisoner was found to be wearing a lot of clothing, and the outside pair of trousers that he was wearing were identified by the complainant by means of what counsel described as "ink marks." The complainant's pencil and tooth brush were found in a pocket of the second man. In addition, one \$10-note was found in the possession of the first prisoner. With regard to that, one of the detectives would say that the prisoner offered the money to him as "tea money."

When charged at the Police Station, the first prisoner gave a long account of himself in which he alleged that he was struck by the police and denied that the trousers belonged to Wong Fui.

The second prisoner said, in reply to the charge, that he went for a walk with some clansmen, having nowhere to sleep, and his clansmen told him to sit on the grass. This he did while his clansmen went away. Shortly afterwards they returned and gave him the pencil and toothbrush.

No Identification.

Concluding, Mr. Fitzroy emphasized the fact that nobody identified the prisoners as actually being present at the robbery. He added that there was a rule in English law that if articles had been recently stolen and were found in the possession of an individual, unless that individual could give a reasonable account of how they came into his possession, the jury was entitled to assume that he stole them. Counsel pointed out that the articles were found on the prisoners less than an hour after the robbery was committed.

The case is proceeding.

POLICE INSPECTOR RETIRES.**MR. AND MRS. R. C. WATT SAIL ON SATURDAY.**

Among the passengers leaving by the P. and O. liner Rawalpindi on Saturday is Sub-Inspector R. C. Watt, who is retiring, accompanied by his wife and son. Sub-Inspector Watt has served in the Hongkong Police, with the exception of a few months, since 1907, during which time he and his wife have made a large number of friends, all of whom will wish them bon voyage and prosperity in the Old Country.

Mr. Watt will be remembered as a bowler of no mean prowess, as is shown by the number of local trophies he has won in competitions organised by the Police Club. He was also an active and popular organiser, his efforts in respect of the arrangements for the annual police ball being particularly appreciated.

Mrs. Watt is the eldest daughter of a former well-known Hongkong Police Inspector, Mr. Robertson, who retired in 1911 when he was in charge of No. 7 Police Station. Sub-Inspector Watt joined the local Force in 1907 and became acting Lance Sergeant on April 1, 1913, his appointment to that rank being confirmed nine days later. On August 16, 1920, he was appointed to the rank of acting Sub-Inspector, his promotion being confirmed on the following day. During 1926, Mr. Watt was acting Inspector.

An informal presentation will be made to Mr. Watt by his colleagues prior to his departure.

DUTCH AIR PLANS.**NEW SERVICE IN THE EAST INDIES.**

It has been announced by the Postmaster-General of Holland and the Director of the "K.L.M." (Royal Dutch Air Lines) that, confirming previous reports—the four aeroplanes for air services of the Netherlands East Indies Air Company will be flown to their destination. These services will be opened on September 1, 1928, and operate between Batavia, Semarang, Sourabaya and Bandung.

The machines are of the same type as employed by K.L.M. on his flight from Holland to Batavia and back, viz., the F.VIIa, fitted with three Lynx engines of 220 h.p. each, manufactured at the Siddeley Armstrong Works. They are of the same colour as the well-known K.L.M. air liners, dark and light blue, and each will carry mail, for which special postage will be charged of 1s. 3d. per letter and 8d. per postcard. Special stamps being issued.

Passage Costs.

For the outward flights to Batavia a number of seats are available for passengers, the cost of the ticket, Amsterdam-Batavia, being £237, exclusive of meals, etc., en route. The pilots will be civil pilots of the Dutch Indies Air Service, the auxiliary pilots belong to the Netherlands Indian Air Force. A mechanic will also be carried on each plane.

The crew of the second aeroplane will consist of Mr. Möll, ex-pilot of the Dutch Indies Air Force, and latterly employed by the K.L.M. Air Lines, with Lt. Van Hazelen as a spare pilot, whilst Mr. Behage (an ex-Engineer officer, who will be appointed manager of the Technical Department of the Indian Air Company) will accompany them. Lts. Koozen and Van Hazelen are at the moment en route for Holland. The third aeroplane will be piloted by Mr. Van Hessel, at present in training at the K.L.M. Air Lines Depot and Lt. Walmann. A mechanic has not yet been appointed.

The fourth plane is piloted by Mr. Prillwitz (at present a pilot of the K.L.M. Air Lines, who will be transferred to the service of the Air Traffic Company of the Dutch East Indies) and Lt. Wegner. This last plane will carry an English mechanic from the staff of the Siddeley Armstrong Factory. Lts. Walmann and Wegner are at present in Holland where they are in training as second pilots with the K.L.M. services.

The Route.

The route to Batavia has been planned as follows:—Amsterdam, Nuremberg, Budapest, Sofia, Constantinople, Aleppo, Baghdad, Bushire, Bandar Abbas, Djask, Karachi, Jodhpur, Agra, Allahabad, Calcutta, Akyab, Rangoon, Bangkok, Medan, Palembang, Batavia. The dates of departure will be June 28, July 12, July 26, and Aug. 9, at about 4 a.m. from the Amsterdam Aerodrome.

Mr. J. C. Cobbett's motion to admit Mr. P. G. Vaux, of Messrs. Roddy and Davidson, was postponed at Singapore Supreme Court, as notice had not been served on the Attorney-General or the Bar Committee.

SINGAPORE RIVER TRAGEDY.**MYSTERY OF EUROPEAN'S DEATH UNSOLVED.****INQUEST EVIDENCE.**

Singapore, July 13. An inquiry was commenced this morning, before the Coroner (Mr. F. G. Bourne), into the death of Frederick Crawley, the European who was found dead in the Singapore River on June 16.

Detective Inspector Dixon conducted the case for the police.

Evidence was given by Dr. J. W. Winchester, of the General Hospital, who said that on June 16 he examined the deceased, whose age was about 53. Witness found a wound on the skull which was about five inches long, running from back to front. The skull was not fractured. The cause of death was drowning, which probably took place when the man was in a semi-conscious condition owing to the blow on the head. The blow was inflicted before death, and it was not caused by Crawley himself.

Answering the Coroner, witness said that the wound might have been caused by some long blunt instrument. On a wall in a road off River Valley Road witness examined some blood stains, adhering to which he found human hair.

Not Self-Inflicted.

The Coroner:—I understand that a witness will come forward and say that these stains were caused by Mr. Crawley banging his head against the wall. What do you say?—I do not think it possible that they could have been caused by Crawley himself. They could, however, have been caused by someone taking Crawley by the throat and banging his head against the wall.

Further evidence was given by a European, Mr. L. B. Jenkins, who said that on June 4 he was standing outside the Anglo-Chinese School in Coleman Street when Crawley came up to him in a ricksha. He asked for some money, but witness at first refused, as Crawley admitted he had been drinking, and witness thought the money would only go the same way. Crawley then said, as far as witness could remember, "I am going to drown myself. I have had nothing to eat, and I cannot find work." Witness gave him a dollar on condition that he give himself up to the police, and this Crawley promised to do. That was the last witness saw of him.

Detective-Inspector Dixon, who investigated the report of Crawley's death, said that he went to the Marine Police Station on the morning of June 16, and saw the body on the bank of the river. The deceased's hands were tied with a leather belt, and there was a wound on the back of the head. The Marine Police produced papers which showed that the deceased was Frederick Crawley, a Latvian born at Riga. An address was given on the papers as 13-A, Wilkie Road. There was nothing in the papers found which had a bearing on his death.

Hands Tied With Belt.

The body was dressed in a khaki trousers and jacket, brown shoes and socks. The singlet was torn and bloodstained. Apparently it was deceased's own belt which had been used to tie his hands. Witness said that a detective

"ITALIA" RELIEF PROBLEM.**SWEDISH EXPEDITION IS POWERLESS.**

Stockholm, July 13. The head of the Swedish "Italia" Relief Expedition reports that the Swedish planes are at present powerless to search for the Alessandria party, since they have no fuel-burner sufficiently large to act as a base.—*Reuter.*

Mrs. Hope, of Brough, Kirkby Stephen, Westmorland, died seven weeks after her 100th birthday.

Police constable had tried to tie his hands with the belt, and had formed the opinion that it was possible for Crawley to have done it himself. Witness himself had tried to tie his hands up in the same way as the deceased's hands were tied, but he had not been able to tighten the belt.

Mr. Bourne remarked that personally he thought that it was impossible for Crawley to have done it himself.

Crawley's Habits.

Detective Inspector Fernandez

said he had known Crawley for about a year. Crawley was seen in the Boustead Institute at 4 p.m. on June 16. He had been dismissed from the General Hospital the same morning at about 11 o'clock. In the Institute he was seen talking to two other Europeans. Crawley was sober at the time and appeared to have no money. He was also cleanly dressed. He left the Institute and walked in the direction of town. Crawley was a marine engineer by profession and had been on several local and foreign boats as third and fourth engineer, but he had never remained long with any of the ships. Most of his time was spent in and out of the General Hospital. He was sent to the House of Detention some time back as the result of having been prosecuted for vagrancy and he had also been imprisoned for being drunk and disorderly on more than one occasion.

When under the influence of drink, Crawley was always quarrelsome, but in his sober moments, he was very quiet. There were two occasions in the past when Crawley had been "beaten up" by Chinese. The incidents occurred in Dunman Street and Tanjong Pagar respectively. Both assaults were committed by Chinese whom, it was believed, Crawley had insulted.

Tears and A Glass Eye.

Crawley used to obtain money by juggling his glass eye. When he took the glass eye out he could cry as much as he wanted to, there being a copious flow of tears from the injured eye and he used to make this a means of inducing people to take pity on him and give him money.

Reference was made to a letter signed by Frederick Crawley and addressed to Dr. Webster at the General Hospital. This letter appeared to have been posted on June 15. Commencing with an expression of thanks to Dr. Webster and the other doctors at the hospital the letter went on to say, "I am leaving this port and have nothing for a cold (or ?) climate."

The hearing was adjourned.

HUGE LOSS ON EGG SHIPMENT.**SIR HENRY GOLLAN'S JUDGMENT.****DEAL INVOLVING SUPPLY OF 20,000,000 EGGS.****SASSOON'S LOSE CASE.**

In H.M. Supreme Court, Shanghai, on Friday, judgment reversing the original decision was delivered on the appeal heard before the Full Civil Appeal Court composed of Sir Henry Gollan (President), Sir Peter Grain and Mr. G. W. King, in March last. Mr. K. E. Newman appeared for S. Rakusen and Sons (China), Ltd. (appellants) and Mr. J. E. Bodeley for E. D. Sassoon and Co., Ltd. (respondents).

The judgment originally given in favour of the respondents (Sassoon's) in this case was for the sum of £36,436 14s. 4d. in respect of losses alleged to have been made on a shipment of 20,000,000 eggs sent to England by the firm of S. Rakusen and Sons (China), Ltd., on a contract made by them with E. D. Sassoon and Co., Ltd.

At the original hearing C. P. Rakusen denied that his firm was in any way responsible for, or liable under, the contract which had been entered into by S. Rakusen and Co. of London, a firm in which Samuel Rakusen, the father of C. P. Rakusen, was mainly interested, and with which the firm of S. Rakusen and Sons (China), Ltd., had no connexion. Judgment had been given against the Shanghai firm.

Chief Justice's Judgment.

Sir Henry Gollan's judgment was read as follows, in part:—

This is an appeal by the defendants against the whole of the judgment of Sir Peter Grain whereby he adjudged them to be liable to pay the plaintiffs the sum of £36,436 and costs.

There is no cross-appeal by the plaintiffs, nor any notice of exception to any portion of the judgment appealed against, and consequently no question arises as to the variation of such judgment on the part, and in the interests, of the respondents. As to the facts of the case, I need only say that the learned Judge found that Samuel Rakusen, the father, and his son, C. P. Rakusen, though not partners, were associated in the transaction in question in the action, and that there had been a ratification by C. P. Rakusen of the contract entered into by Samuel Rakusen with the plaintiffs.

The Contract.

The contract purports to be made between the plaintiffs and one Samuel Rakusen acting on behalf of a firm styled S. Rakusen & Sons, and provides for the former advancing to the latter firm in Shanghai certain sums of money to finance a proposed shipment of eggs; and it is accepted by Samuel Rakusen in his firm name of "S. Rakusen & Sons." There is no reference in the contract to show that Samuel Rakusen contracted otherwise than as a principal and as representative of the firm of "S. Rakusen & Sons."

The learned Judge held that there was not sufficient evidence on which he could come to the conclusion that Samuel Rakusen, the defendant firm, and C. P. Rakusen, who is the son of Samuel Rakusen and the owner of the defendant firm, "formed one partnership in fact and law," or were "in fact and law" partners for the purpose of the contract in question in these proceedings.

The Lower Court's Finding.

Coming to the grounds on which he based his judgment in the Court below, Sir Peter Grain used the following words:—

"The next question is, had Samuel Rakusen authority to make a contract as agent (whether a partner or not a partner) for S. Rakusen & Sons, of 42 Whangpoo Road, and to make them liable on such a contract? If not, was the contract ratified by S. Rakusen & Sons (China) Co., of 42 Whangpoo Road. As I propose to found my decision on the ground of ratification, I will not deal with questions of authority to contract, because the subsequent assent or recognition by the party for whom the agent professed to act is equivalent to a previous authority."

"I am therefore satisfied that C. P. Rakusen as S. Rakusen & Sons (China) Co., accepted and ratified the contract entered into by his father with Sassoon & Co. on behalf of S. Rakusen & Sons, Shanghai, of 42 Whangpoo Road, and that he carried it out as a joint venture with his father. Whether he was to be a partner with his father in the venture, or what share of the proceeds he was to take is immaterial. He accepted the contract made on

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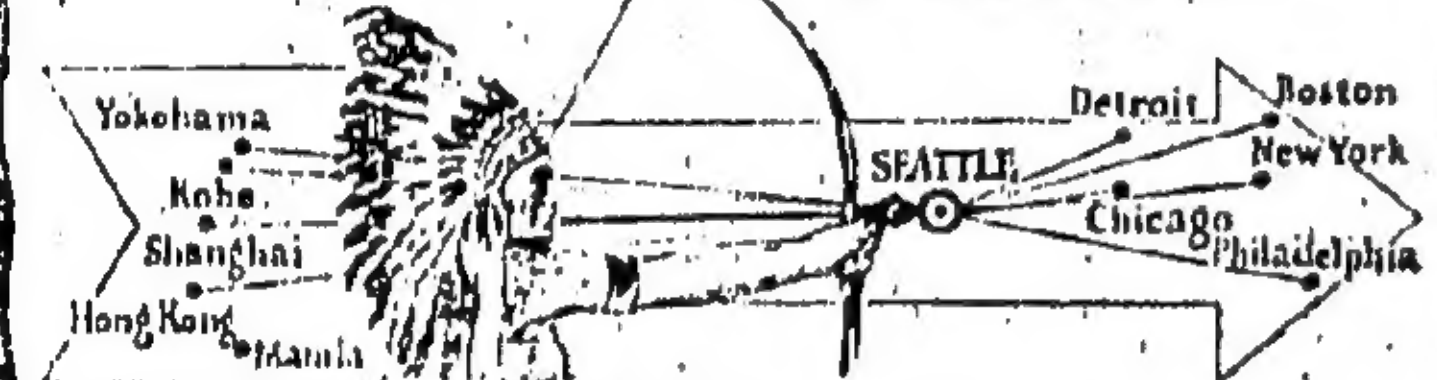
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behalf of S. Rakusen & Sons, of 42 Whangpoo Road, and carried it out as far as the duties of the Shanghai firm were concerned and made the shipment of eggs in pursuance of the contract, and also received the advance guaranteed by Sassoon & Co., the plaintiffs, in pursuance of the contract.

Adoption or Ratification.

In my opinion the learned Judge has overlooked the requirement that before a contract is capable of ratification it must profess to have been made on behalf of the person who is alleged or is seeking to ratify. This requirement is exhaustively dealt with in the judgment of Smith L. J. in *Durant & Co. v. Roberts & Kelshley* (1900) 1 Q. B. 629, which was approved by all the Lords who took part in the decision on the appeal to the House of Lords (see *Kelshley & Co. v. Durant*, (1900), A. C. 240).

House of Lords' Decision.

This appeal was largely argued on behalf of the respondents as there were some subtle differences between "adoption" and "ratification" of a contract, and for that reason I give the following passage from the judgment of Bowen L. J. in *Falks v. Scottish Imperial Insurance Co.* 34 Ch. D. at p. 249: "There is nothing more vague than the word 'adoption' is used in arguments at law, and sometimes ambiguous language about adoption is imported into arguments about ratification. There is no such thing as adopting or satisfying anything except where there is the sanctioning of an act professedly done on your behalf in such a sense as to make you liable for it. A man can ratify that which purports to be done for him, but he cannot ratify a thing which purports to be done for somebody else. There have been many attempts to make people liable by what is called adoption of a contract or of some other act which never purports to be made or done on their behalf, and such attempts have failed."

Estoppel Falls.

Estoppel was also urged as a ground for supporting a judgment against the defendant firm. But the plaintiffs did not know of the existence of C. P. Rakusen or his firm when the contract sued on in this action was entered into; and only became aware of it after the commencement of these proceedings. In the circumstances I see no grounds on which to base any such defence. I am of opinion that this appeal should be allowed, that the judgment in the Court below should be reversed, and judgment entered for the appellant with costs in this Court and in the Court below.

Sir Peter Grain and Mr. G.W. King concurred.

FIRST PRIZE IN CALCUTTA SWEEP.

MOHAMMEDAN CLAIMS QUARTER SHARE.

Bombay, July 2. The dreams of the lucky winners of the first prize in the Calcutta Sweep have been rudely interrupted.

Mr. Charles Murray was waiting for the prize money before booking his passage for Ireland; Mr. Anthony Rozario was negotiating for the purchase of a farm at Bangalore; and Mr. Ebrahim Kazi was contemplating the purchase of some more racehorses, or an extension of his timber business, when suddenly a fourth claimant to a share of the prize turned up.

The fourth claimant is a Mohammedan, Abbas, employed by Nemazee and Company, shipping agents, Bombay. He alleges that Kazi sold him a quarter share of the winning ticket.

Kazi, it is understood, denied the right of Abbas to a share, and treated the matter as a joke.

Abbas tried to sue a suit against Kazi for the recovery of a quarter share, but the Bombay High Court would not consider a suit on a gambling transaction.

Abbas then appealed to the Calcutta Turf Club, which withheld payment of the prize pending a settlement of the claim.

Abbas, in proof of his claim, submits that the *non-de-plume* of the winning ticket "Caba," was composed of the initials of the "Christian" names of the four, the third letter being that of Kazi's son.

Abbas, interviewed to-day, declared that the claim had been settled, but he refused to say any more about the matter.

Members of the Southampton branch of the English Association recently visited Stinson Churchyard, near Dorchester, and laid a wreath on the grave in which Thomas Hardy's heart lies.

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by the 25th. instant, while Marshal Chiang Kai-shek intends to return to Nanking on Saturday.

All important documents of the former Peking Government have now been transferred to Nanking.

New Headquarters.

Shanghai, July 19. The Kiangsu Provincial Government has decided to move its headquarters to Chinkiang. The Provincial Governor, Commissioners and other high officials have already proceeded thither to inspect the buildings which have been selected for the Government. More officials will leave to-morrow.

Yen Still in Peking.

Shanghai, July 19. A message from Peking states that Marshal Feng Yu-shiang left Peking for Shinkiang yesterday. An official report states that Marshal Yen Shi-san is still remaining at Peking but it is understood that he will leave when Marshal Chiang Kai-shek departs for the South.—*Nam Chung Pao*.

Chihli Government.

Shanghai, July 19. At the first regular meeting of the Political Council at Peking on Tuesday it was decided to remove the Chihli Provincial Government to Peking. This decision will be carried out as soon as it is passed by the Central Government.—*Nam Chung Pao*.

Plague in Nanking.

Shanghai, July 18. Plague has broken out at Nanking owing to the heat and unclean water. The authorities of the Municipal Department are doing their utmost to prevent its spread.

Japan and Manchuria.

Peking, July 18. The Japanese Legation spokesman has declared that he has no knowledge of any agreement with Chang Hsueh-liang. Japan must maintain her treaty rights in Manchuria and if Chang Hsueh-liang would agree thereto Japan might be prepared to support him on certain conditions.—*Reuter*.

Kuomintang Conference.

Shanghai, July 18. Reports from the Nanking Kuomintang headquarters announce that more than thirty members of the Central Executive Committee will be present at the Fifth Plenary Conference, also Feng Yu-shiang and Yen Shi-san. The notable absentees will be Dr. C. C. Wu, Wang Ching-wel, Sun Fo, Hu Han-min, Chu Min-yu, and Mrs. Wang Ching-wel.—*Reuter*.

Will Go to Shansi.

Peking, July 18. It is not stated that Yen Hsi-shan will not go to Taiyuanfu before going to Nanking. He will attend the Plenary Conference and afterwards will go to Shansi.—*Reuter*.

NEW TO THE PORT.

STEAMERS ON MAIDEN TRIPS TO HONGKONG.

Two vessels new to Hongkong have entered within the past 24 hours, one of these, the Benmore, being on her maiden voyage, and the other, the P. and O. Rajputana, sister ship to the Rawalpindi.

The single-screw cargo steamer Benmore, of about 5,930 tons gross, built for the Ben Line Steamers, Ltd., Leith (Messrs. Wm. Thomas and Co., managers) by Messrs. C. Connell and Co. Ltd., of Scotland, was launched on April 3. The vessel is fitted with all the latest requirements for the rapid and efficient handling of cargo, and is propelled by quadruple-expansion engines by Messrs. D. Rowan and Co. Ltd., Glasgow.

The naming ceremony was performed by Miss Davidson, of Morton Hall, Edinburgh. Captain G. McMillan is in command and reports a satisfactory passage, the last port of call having been Manila. The Benmore entered with fair local cargo and freight for ports beyond.

The Rajputana was built in 1926 by Harland and Wolff at Greenock, and has hitherto been employed on the India run. Her dimensions are exact to those of the Rawalpindi, but there is a slight difference in tonnage, the Rawalpindi holding the balance by less than 100 tons in the gross register and only one ton in the net return. The Rajputana is commanded by Captain P. G. Allen, D.S.C., who has previously visited the port as master of other vessels of the line.

Mr. and Mrs. Harriop White, of Mansfield, Notts, have served an aggregate of 104 years in a local Sunday school.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

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Chartered Bank, \$221 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$36 n.
P. and O., \$91 n.
East Asia, \$75 n.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$615 b.
Union Ins., \$341 b.
North China Ins., Tls. 145 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$2.50 a.
China Fire, \$240 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$722 b. n.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$361 a.
H. K. Steamships, \$271 a.
H. K. Tugs, \$2 n.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$70 b.
Shell Trans., 100/- n.
Union Waterworks, \$201 b.

Mining.

Banquo, \$11 b.
Kailans, 60/- n.
Lanrkals, Tls. 12.20 n.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.45 b.
Raubs, \$4 b.
Tronols, 17/6 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$1361 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$40 b.
China Providents \$5.25 s.
Hongkew, Tls. 156 n.
New Engineering, Tls. 5 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 1071 sa.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 8.80 b.
Orientals, Tls. 2.50 n.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 514 (old) n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$9.80 n.
H. K. Lands, \$661 b.
Shai Lands Tls. 138 b.
Humphreys, \$141 b.
Realties, \$8 s.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$25 s.
Peak Trams, (old) \$13 b.
Star Ferries, \$941 b.
China Lights, (Old) \$11.65 s.
H. K. Electric, \$491 a.
Macao Electric, \$261 b.
Telephones \$5.90 b.
China Buses, Tls. 10.60 sa.
Singapore Traction, 11/3 n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$2.25 s.
Malabons, \$241 n.
Canton Icos, \$3.70 b.
Cements (Comb.) \$9.35 s.
Ropes (Old) \$61 sa.
United Asbestos \$9 s.

Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, \$21.90 b.
Watsons, \$14 a.
Der A. Wing, \$50 n.
Lane Crawford, \$2.75 s.
Mackintosh, \$20 n.
Sincora, \$9.50 n.
Win. Powell, \$3 b.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$291 a.
Constructions, \$11 n.
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H. K. G. Loan, 51%

LOCAL BASEBALL.

FILIPINOS TO PLAY SOUTH CHINA.

The Filipino Baseball Club's game for Saturday will be against the S.C. Dragons. Instead of the Hongkong Baseball Club. Its lineup will be as follows:

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Alvarez J.2 b.
Fernandez-Delgadolf.
Rull-Alvarez A.rf.

LOCAL BASEBALL.

ALTERATION IN WEEK-END SCHEDULE.

An alteration in the schedule has been made by the Hongkong Baseball Association for the coming week-end as follows:

Junior Division—South China v St. Joseph's (2 p.m.), Saturday.
Senior Division—Filipino Club v South China (4 p.m.), Saturday.
Junior Division—South China Scouts v Y.M.B.A., Sunday.
Junior Division—China Athletic v Kloras, Saturday.

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EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Oct. 24	Oct. 6	Oct. 9	Oct. 11	Oct. 20
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 13	Nov. 15	Nov. 24
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Nov. 24	Dec. 1	Dec. 4	Dec. 6	Dec. 15
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Dec. 12	Dec. 15	Dec. 18	Dec. 20	Dec. 29
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Jan. 16	Jan. 19	Jan. 22	Jan. 24	Feb. 2
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MRS. DYNE'S AFFAIRS.

MEETING OF CREDITORS: NO ASSETS.

The creditors of Mrs. Aminta Marjorie Bradley Dyne, described as lately of Mount-street, Park-line, W., a dealer in foreign currency and exchange, met on June 25, at the Bankruptcy Court.

The Official Receiver reported that Mrs. Dyne declared that her only creditor was Messrs. Iron-monger and Co., the foreign bankers, of Angel-court, City. They had lodged a proof of debt for £40,971, less security, which was valued at £5,186, and represented a judgment obtained for £38,938 costs.

The solicitors for Messrs. Iron-monger and Co. stated that they surrendered the security.

The Official Receiver stated that in her preliminary examination Mrs. Dyne stated that her transactions in currency and foreign exchange were personal transactions, except when they were carried on on behalf of friends—namely, Mr. Gregory, Mr. O'Malley, and Commander Maxse, who had been connected with the Foreign Office, and one small transaction with a Mrs. McClelland.

She commenced to speculate in foreign currency on her own account in February, 1924, without her husband's knowledge. At first she made a profit, but after her return from the South of France early last year the result had been disastrous and culminated in a loss of £38,938.

Her husband, who had previously assisted her, refused to help her further, and she was sued for that amount, and on the facts becoming known to the Government a committee was set up to inquire into the matter—"the result of which," said the Official Receiver, "you know."

Mrs. Dyne, who stated that she had no assets, attributed her position to the losses mentioned.

A trustee was appointed to administer the case in bankruptcy.

FLOWER PEST IN BENGAL.

WATERWAYS CHOKED, CROPS DESTROYED.

In 1897 a jute merchant of Narayanganj, Bengal, went to Australia for his honeymoon. He brought back with him a couple of flower pots containing a beautiful aquatic plant and a flower like a large blue hyacinth. That plant, the water-hyacinth, is now known as the "blue devil" and "the pest of Bengal."

From the garden of the jute merchant the water-hyacinth spread with amazing rapidity, choking waterways, gaining a strangle-hold over vast areas of East Bengal and doing incalculable damage.

In the view of an Oxford Mission worker at Barisal, if the water-hyacinth goes on increasing at the same rate as in the last thirteen years, within another 13 years there will be large areas depopulated and locomotion will have become impossible.

The kachuri, to give it its Bengali name, grows rapidly, and in a country that is entirely under floodwater during the rains, is carried by wind and flow all over the land.

There are many thousands of acres of swamp-land given up now entirely to water-hyacinth. If for any reason land is uncultivated one year and the water-hyacinth gets a real hold on it, it will be very difficult ever to get this land under cultivation again.

In places one may walk across the solid kachuri, and water locomotion, which in many parts of Bengal is the only locomotion, is becoming more and more difficult. The same Mission worker adds:

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OXFORD TRADITIONS.

CLINGING TO ANACHRONISMS
CHERISHING ANOMALIES.

Oxford, June 22.

The ancient institutions of the University are defended in an editorial article in the Oxford Undergraduate Journal, "The Isis."

Oxford, it states, must cling to her anachronisms; cherish her anomalies. They will be the saving of her. "Molives of self-preservation demand that we continue to endure all those small things that no 100 per cent. Twentieth Century educational establishment would put up with for a moment. We must go on cramming our brains with the requisite proportion of utterly useless knowledge, which almost every examination compels us to acquire."

"We must, if we live out of college (the editorial continues) pay heavily to lodge in discomfort. If we live in College, we must cheerfully renounce our hopes of a bath on Sunday afternoon, and go on doing it till we pass. Ours, in short, not to reason why."

weed, and think yourself happy when you have got a few hundred yards of clear water.

"The magistrate of Faridpur, the one official, as far as I know, who has really put his nose down to the problem of actual practice, drew up a wise scheme of dealing with the scourge. The Governor held a conference and the scheme was killed on the ground that it was impossible to put any more tax upon the people, although they had readily agreed to pay."

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THE SHARE MARKET.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR SALE OF MAJESTIC HOTEL.

We have received from Messrs. Ellis and Edgar, the local share-brokers, a copy of their booklet for June giving the figures and quotations of local and other stocks, much valuable information being given of 45 companies. The booklet is of considerable value to investors and others.

The introduction to the booklet states:

Prices have been well maintained throughout the month, though the volume of business was not as large as might have been expected.

Union Insurances recovered from a buying rate of \$324 to \$336 with few shares changing hands.

Green Island Cements came into prominence due to persistent rumours of the Company having made a large profit for the first 3 months. Considerable business was put through at rates ranging between \$9 and \$10½ for cash, and \$10 and \$10.85 for August, but the market, however, soon declined to \$9½ cash on the rumours being dispelled.

Hongkong Hotels were in considerable demand on account of rumours of the projected sale of the Majestic Hotel in Shanghai. We understand negotiations are still taking place.

The China Light and Power Co., Ltd. for the first time in its history declared an interim dividend of 5% payable on August 6, 1928. This proved quite popular and was instrumental in increasing the demand for shares of this Company.

Other features in the market include the rise of Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf from \$130 to \$137½, the drop of China Provident from \$4.95, the decline of Ropes to \$6, and the rise of Singapore Tractions from 9/9 to 11/3.

QUEEN ALEXANDRIA MEMORIAL.

A BRONZE GROUP.

London, July 18. Thanks to the contributions from Britons all over the world, for which His Majesty the King, in a letter, says he is most grateful, the fund for the National Memorial to Queen Alexandra, which closed on June 30, has reached £233,000.

The committee announce that the visible memorial, the appeal for donations to which the generous response was made, especially from the Indian Princes, will take the form of a bronze group designed by Mr. Alfred Gilbert, to be erected at Marlborough House, opposite St. James Palace. The bulk of the fund will go to extend district nursing and to increase the Queen's Nurses Pension Fund.—*Reuter*.

DEATH SENTENCE.

KOREAN ASSAILANT OF PRINCE KUN.

Tokyo, July 18. According to reports from Korea, the Korean who attempted to assassinate Prince Kun in Formosa last month, has been sentenced to death.—*Reuter*.

THE MEXICAN OUTRAGES.

ASSASSIN AN OFFICER.

Mexico City, July 18. "Lucky Obregon" as he was known on account of his previous escapes from assassination, was seated at a luncheon given by his political supporters, at which a youthful officer, Juan Escapulario, was amusing the guests with thumbnail sketches.

Juan, when the last course was served, requested permission to sketch President Obregon. Obregon, himself and his aide-de-camp, agreed and the president-elect turned smilingly to greet the artist. The latter drew close and produced a pistol and fired five shots. President Obregon fell clutching the table while his aide-de-camp seized the assassin, and only with great difficulty prevented him from being lynched by the infuriated guests.

The assassin, at police headquarters, disclaimed connexion with any political party, though the police doubt his assertion, owing to the hostility aroused by President Obregon's radical attitude on the religious and land questions.

President Obregon's body was borne by his friends to a motor car which conveyed the remains to the deceased's home in Mexico City. President Calles was summoned telephonically. His first act was to suspend the Chief of Police and appoint a successor.

Crowds thronged the streets, especially around President Obregon's residence and the military headquarters where the assassin was incarcerated.

Evidence that the crime was premeditated was found in a paper in his pocket, bidding farewell "to my family."

Saloons and Theatres Closed.

Later.

The saloons and theatres have been closed and a censorship established. All troops have been ordered to barracks in readiness for the preservation of order.—*Reuter's American Service*.

BIG ARMS SEIZURE.

MUNITIONS DETAINED AT FOOTUNG.

Shanghai, July 18. The Evening News states that Chien Tachun, the garrison commissioner, has detained 671 cases of munitions at the customs godown at Footung, 371 cases of which are automatic pistols and the remainder rifles, and three million rounds of ammunition, which arrived last week aboard the Bertram Rickmers, consigned to General Liu Hsiang of Szechuen.—*Reuter*.

CANADIAN WHEAT.

RUSSIA BUYS TO MEET THREATENED SHORTAGE.

Ottawa, July 18. The Soviet recently purchased 8,000,000 bushels of wheat, mostly from Canada, to meet the threatened food shortage in Russia. Shipments are to be made from Montreal at the end of the month.—*Reuter*.

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KIDDERPORE	5,384	10th Aug.	Straits & Bombay
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ALIFORE	5,273	23 July, noon	Kobe
KALYAN	9,144	3rd Aug.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,556	7th Aug.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
WARFIELD	6,006	8th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TILAWA	10,006	17th Aug.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
NALDERA	10,006	17th Aug.	Shanghai
INAGORE	5,283	30th Aug.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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TSINAN INCIDENT

JAPAN INVITES DELEGATES TO TSINANFU.

BASIS FOR DISCUSSION.
Tokyo, July 19.
The Foreign Office has this morning issued a statement to the Press, announcing that it has instructed the Japanese Consul-General at Shanghai, Mr. Yada, to inform the Nationalist Government of the Japanese desire to settle the Tsinan affair at the earliest possible moment, with a view to promoting cordial relations.
With this in mind, the Japanese Consul has been asked to request the Nationalists to despatch plenipotentiary delegates promptly to Tsinanfu to negotiate with the Consul-General at Tsinan and the acting Consul-General at Tsinan on the basis of an apology from the Nationalist Government, the punishment of those responsible for the outrages, indemnification for Japanese losses and guarantees for the future.

The statement reiterates the desire of the Japanese Government to withdraw its troops at the earliest possible moment, but points out that immediate withdrawal is impossible owing to the continuance of the frequent attacks by plain-clothes Southerners. The situation, has sufficiently improved to enable a reduction of strength, as illustrated by the fact that 7,000 Reservists are scheduled to return to Japan shortly. Afterwards still further adjustment is contemplated.—Reuter.

THE MEXICAN

OUTRAGE.

RELIGIOUS PARTIES IMPLICATED.

Mexico City, July 18.
President Calles has stated that the assassin of General Obregon has confessed that the crime was actuated by religious fanaticism. He asserted that the Government's evidence indicated that clerical action was directly implicated.

He said the Government would continue to follow constitutional paths, which is interpreted to mean that President Calles does not intend to take another term of office.

It is reported that five suspects have been arrested.—Reuter.

UNIVERSAL PEACE PROPOSALS.

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British Dominions, India and all parties to the Treaties of Locarno are to be included among the Powers called upon to sign the Treaty in the first instance, and except that the first three paragraphs of the preamble have been changed.
The revised preamble gives express recognition to the principle that, if a State resorts to war in violation of the treaty, the other contracting parties are released from their obligations under the treaty to that State.

"It also provides for participation in the treaty by all parties to the Treaties of Locarno, thus making it certain that resort to war, in violation of the Locarno Treaties, would also violate the present treaty and release not only the other signatories of the Locarno Treaties, but also the other signatories to the anti-war treaty from their obligations to the treaty-breaking State.

"I have been instructed to state in this connexion that the Government of the United States is ready to sign at once a treaty in the form herein proposed.

"If the Governments can now agree to conclude this anti-war treaty among themselves, my Government is confident that the other nations of the world will, as soon as the treaty comes into force, gladly adhere thereto.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave heavy arrivals and departures, with the highest tonnage entered for many weeks. There were again eight nationalities in the return, with British holding top place, but the total of freight under way was short of 20,000, while the highest registries were Japanese, French, American and German. Of the 29 arrivals, 19 carried through cargo with generally heavy figures. There were 20 departures leaving 68 vessels in harbour, of which 25 were British.

Sir James Crockett, head of a Northampton boot manufacturing firm, celebrated his 80th birthday by presenting each man employed by him with £3; each woman with 35s., and all employees under 20 with a week's wages.

SERIOUS FORGERY CHARGES.

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Coming to the deed of assignment which is the subject matter of the present charges against Fok Kam-chuen's son, Mr. Jenkin asked witness:—You saw the deed of assignment dated February 22, 1921, between Fok Kam-chuen and others and Thomas W. Simmons and Company, Limited?

Instructed by Mr. Burdin.

Witness replied that he did, the document being prepared in his office. He could not recollect the exact date, but the deed might have been dated a day later than when the parties attended. He had instructions from Mr. R. C. Burdin, of Thomas W. Simmons and Company, to prepare that deed. On or about February 22, the parties attended, they being Fok Kam-chuen, (the same person who executed these deeds "A." to "H."), Fok Kam-chuen's two sons, who were the accused, Fok Chung-yuen, and a younger brother, Fok Tat-fui.

An interpreter explained the deed to the elder Fok, who, however, would have nothing to do with it and refused to sign.

The conversation that took place at the meeting, whether in English or Chinese, was in the presence of the two sons. A discussion took place and all the parties left the office, taking the deed with them, for the purpose, they said, of a further conversation with Fok Kam-chuen.

The old man had left. The other three left later, but in company.

That interview took place in the morning. In the afternoon of the same day, Mr. Burdin and the two younger Foks returned with the document, but without Fok Kam-chuen. Mr. Burdin informed witness that they had been successful in obtaining the old man's signature.

Witness asked the two younger Foks in English, with which language they were conversant, if they had seen their father execute the deed. They informed witness that they had. The supposedly executed deed was handed to him.

Counsel: At the time of the conversation, what was the state of the deed so far as the first attestation clause is concerned?

Words Altered.

Witness said he told Fok Chung-yuen and Fok Tat-fui to sign as witness of the deed as executed by the father. He then crossed out certain words in the first attestation clause to meet the change of circumstances, and altered the clause so as to read "in the presence of Fok Tat-fui and Fok Chung-yuen" as witnesses. Witness also deleted the name of Wong Tack-kam which had been inserted as being another witness, and put his own initials to the correction.

Counsel: Have you any recollection of having seen Fok Kam-chuen in your office on any occasions subsequent to the attestation on the morning of the execution of the deed?—No recollection.

Continuing, witness said the second attestation clause was in his handwriting. It really covered the supposed signature of Fok Kam-chuen, which was out of alignment.

Fok Chung-yuen then signed as being one of the parties in the deed. He signed twice that morning, firstly as a witness, and then as a principal.

As regards the Companies' Agreement, witness said that an indenture of agreement, dated January 11, 1921, was drawn up in his office. An originally engrossed, but three attestation clauses only. This now bore a fourth attestation clause, which was in witness's handwriting.

Counsel:—The usual method in the office was to draw up documents of this description in accordance with instructions?—Yes.

In answer to further questions, witness said the form of the attestation clauses did not denote with any precision what instructions there were regarding the partners.

Witness identified an agreement dated December 10, 1920, between Messrs. Fook Lee and Company and Thomas W. Simmons and Co., Limited, and said that the signatures thereon were those of Fok Chung-yuen and Fok Tat-fui and that they were made in his presence.

Mr. Beavis Cross-Examined.

Mr. Sheldon:—Do you know Mr. Fok Tat-fui?

Witness:—I did know him.

Would you recognise him now?

—I don't think so.

How many times have you seen Fok Tat-fui?—Three, four or five times.

And how long ago was the last time you saw him?—The date of the deed.

Did you recognise this morning, Mr. Fok Chung-yuen, the defendant?—No.

Will you look at him now, Mr. Beavis? Have you seen him before?—I can't say.

So what it comes to is this, that

ATTEMPT TO TRICK WOMEN.

BOGUS SOOTHSAYER TELLS TALL STORY.

AN ABSENT HUSBAND.

An insight into the methods employed by a bogus Chinese soothsayer in extorting money from his innocent victims was afforded at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when an unemployed Chinese was charged, before Mr. W. Schofield, on two counts, with defrauding two women of \$171 and \$300 respectively by pretending that, by a certain manner of worship, he was able to recall their husbands from abroad.

The revelations made by one of the victims to the Court were to the effect that she was engaged by the defendant some time in May as an amah. Subsequent to her employment, she had several conversations with her master regarding her husband, who went abroad 18 years ago. The defendant listened with a sympathetic ear to her lamentations and on one occasion offered her assistance by suggesting that she give him certain data with which he would, by certain calculations, ascertain the general condition of her husband.

Made a Fortune.

The woman accordingly supplied the defendant with the date of her husband's departure and his age, as well as other necessary material. The defendant performed certain calculations on his fingers and then announced to the woman that her husband had made a fortune.

The woman at once disbelieved the story and pointed out that her husband was probably dead, as he had been away for eighteen years and had never written. The defendant, however, continued to give her cheerful news concerning the welfare of the husband and told the woman that he would procure his return to China if she paid him \$171 for purchasing the necessary joss paper and other requisites.

Ashes In Tea.

At the same time, the woman was instructed to use the ashes of certain "charm" paper in her tea and thus assist in the materialisation of the object. The defendant accordingly wrote certain characters on pieces of paper, and at certain intervals gave the woman the ashes of the burnt paper for her consumption.

After an interval of over a month, the woman lost faith in the man's abilities and on July 11, when the defendant visited her residence, she detained him and sent for the police. On the man being arrested, a second complaint was made against him by another woman who was similarly victimised.

The case was adjourned.

when you told us of the signing of this deed of assignment you are telling us entirely from the fact of the deed itself?—The fact of the deed and my recollection of the circumstances. My memory is revived by the deed.

I am going to attack your memory and not your veracity, so you won't quarrel with me in the least. You were asked some years ago by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master of the circumstances which attended the execution of this deed?—Yes.

And at that time your answer was that you had no recollection whatever?—Yes.

Sudden Recollection.

There is no entry in your diary concerning the execution of this deed?—No.

And your recollection, Mr. Beavis, is founded on the sudden recollection of the circumstances about four months ago for the first time?—About two or three days before the case of Fok Kam-chuen against the Bank of Canton.

I want to be as short as possible. The evidence you gave this morning about these various persons, and what they said and what you said to them, is really taken from what you found from the signatures on the deed?—Yes.

Let us put a concrete case. About the deed of assignment you told us "I asked Fok Chung-yuen and Fok Tat-fui if they had seen their father execute the deed." They informed me they had. Your recollection can only be this, that, looking at the deed, you say that the person whose signature appears there did do these things?—No, my recollection is far more vivid. I remember well having the two people in front of me and asking both (not each individually) the one question.

I see, you do remember, apart from the deed, asking two persons in front of your desk?—Yes.

In answer to another question, witness said he had no idea whether defendant was one of the two men who was in the office. The case is proceeding.

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